

These changing times

Tomatoes, eggs no longer mainstays of city's industry

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An interesting map appeared on the front page of The Tribune-Star's rotogravure section on April 7, 1946, depicting the Terre Haute trading area. The map was drawn by Charles M. King and was unusual in many aspects.

Included in the area were all or parts of Clay, Parke, Greene, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Knox counties in Indiana, and Crawford, Clark, Edgar, Cumberland, Coles and Jasper counties in Illinois.

On the map were drawn figures indicating the products of a particular area, such as sheep, cattle, oil wells, coal, pigs, clay products, corn and wheat. Soybeans were not a major farm crop as yet, although some were grown.

Major highways were shown, as were railroads — Pennsylvania, New York Central, Milwaukee and C&E lines. Around the edge of the map, drawn as

a frame, were panels indicating the products of industry and farm. Among the products were pattern manufacturing, scale manufacturing, boiler and machinery parts, mattresses, fruit and vegetable canning, penicillin and pharmaceuticals, household furniture, tomato and tomato products, paper mill products, poultry, and egg processing.

Also sand, gravel and concrete, fruits and vegetables, clay products, dairy products, coal mining, fibre body manufacturing, gas and chemicals, liquors and beverages, coffee and spices, iron, steel and brass, clothing, printing and engraving, protective coatings and glass products, meat packing, cooperage, bakery products, power and light, can manufacture, greenhouse products, enamelware, wood preserving, plumbing and heating, flour, feed and grain, inks and adhesives, awnings,

Main Street



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castings, and bearings.

Going down the list, it is surprising to note how many are still on the list. Pattern manufacturing refers to

Simplicity Pattern Co., located in the present building housing WTHI's television and radio broadcasting operations, on Ohio Street. Winslow Scale Co. is still in business. Broad scale boiler manufacturing is no longer done here, but machinery and parts are made by Prox Co. and several machine shops, including Dede, Hazelthorne, Jones and Reynolds.

Mattresses are manufactured on North 25th Street. There is no fruit and vegetable canning industry, nor tomato processing business. Loudon Packing Co. was located on South Third Street, but was sold to Campbell Soups before burning. V-8 juice was developed here.

In August, persons could find trucks loaded with tomatoes parked along Third from Poplar streets, waiting to be unloaded at Loudon's plant. During the season, there were many youths hired

to help process the tomatoes into juice and catsup. The aroma was delicious. Canning season provided many delightful fragrances.

Pharmaceuticals and penicillin were produced by Commerical Solvents Corp. It was shortly after 1946 that Pfizer Inc. located here. Later, Lilly built a plant at Clinton. Western Indiana is now a pharmaceutical center.

Paper mill products are still made by Weston Paper & Manufacturing Co. at its two plants here, with a third plant, International Paper located near Cayuga.

Poultry and egg processing were done by two firms, including the Wadley Co., primarily egg freezing for the baking industry. Today, there are a few egg farms in the area and some chicken farms. Mom or grandma no longer collect eggs in a basket.

Culver's cottages were big with locals

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At the turn of the century when New York society's "400" were building huge summer "cottages" at Newport and Southampton, a number of Terre Haute's businessmen were building summer cottages around Lake Maxinkuckee at Culver.

Eventually, there were a number of hotels around the lake and the social life centered around Culver Military Academy.

Now, there are only two cottages there that are owned by Terre Haute residents. They are cottages that have been well maintained and modernized. Over the years, they have been enjoyed by five generations of the families.

One is the Hord cottage, built in 1901 by Francis T. Hord, and the other is the Kelly cottage bought in the early 1960s by John Kelly. Both houses are on the east shore, near what used to be called Maxinkuckee Landing.

After the death of Hord and his wife, the cottage went to their son, Stephen Y. Hord of Chicago, and their daughter, Mrs. Charles Ray. Since their deaths, the cottage has been occupied each summer by Mrs. Ray's son, Charles Hord Ray, and daughter, Mrs. Hugh Lee of St. Louis, and Stephen Hord's sons, Fred of Louisville, Ky., and Steve and Brent of San Francisco, Calif.,

and their families.

Now, too, the children and grandchildren of these heirs share in the pleasure of spending part of the summer at the lake cottage. Other than adding electricity, modern plumbing and appliance, this cottage has been altered very little since it was built 84 years ago.

John Kelly first went to Culver on business in 1936 and when he saw Lake Maxinkuckee he decided to have his family summer there. He rented cottages each summer until the early 1960s when he bought the present cottage from Harold West of Indianapolis. He had been renting it since 1943.

This cottage, too, was modernized but otherwise changed very little. A furnace was installed and often Mr. and Mrs. Kelly stayed there all winter. When a fire in 1978 almost destroyed the house, it was immediately rebuilt just as it had been.

Next year, descendants of the Kellys will have a 50th anniversary celebration at the lake. It is expected that about 100 members of the family will attend. Seven years ago, when a family reunion was celebrated there, there were 75 present.

Since the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly, their five sons and their families have carried on the tradition of "going to the lake" in summer. They take turns at the cottage. The sons are Tom, Dick and Jim, all of Terre Haute; Joe of

Saginaw, Mich., and Bill of Southern Pines, N.C. A few years ago, Bill bought another cottage at the lake for his family.

Most of the families go only in the summer months from the time school is out in the spring until it starts in late summer. Sometimes, some of them go up in the winter for ice skating or to spend Christmas there.

When native Terre Haute residents the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haig retired from business in Youngstown, Ohio, they returned to Lake Maxinkuckee and settled in a year-round home. Their daughter, Mary Ann McClelland, and her husband, Robert, still live there.

Of the many hotels around the lake in the early 1900s, only one, Maxinkuckee Inn, remains. Although the social life of the cottagers has changed, much of it still centers around Culver Military Academy.

The Dress Parade at the academy, which is a tradition, is still at sundown every Sunday during summer school. The famous Black Horse Troop is the main attraction. In 1965, 13-to-17-year-old girls were admitted to Culver Summer School for Girls and they, the same age group of cadets, 9-to-13-year-old Woodcrafters and band members all march in the spectacular parade.

Every Saturday night, Woodcrafters have an Indian Council Fire Ring in the 500-acre Culver

Bird Sanctuary with an appropriate Indian program, which is open to the public. Every day, sailboats with their brightly-colored sails go out for training on the lake. There are also movies and other entertainment during summer school.

Terre Haute residents started building cottages at Lake Maxinkuckee in the late 1880s. Also on the east side, where the Hord and Kelly cottages are located, were formerly cottages of the Joseph Strong-John L. Crawford, Frank R. Hale, Edward Hazledine, Demas Deming-Demas Waterman, James Swango, Gail Van Winkle and Harry Brahman families of Terre Haute.

On the north shore, west of the academy, were cottages of Terre Haute residents Adolph Herz, Henry Albrecht and Ben Blumberg.

At the northwest corner of the lake is the old railroad station and the small town of Culver. Long ago, the Eugene Ice Co., owned by Sam Melbourn of Culver and John R. Pittsman of Terre Haute, was located on the northwest shore. Ice cut in squares from the lake in winter was stored there for use in summer.

South of this is Long Point, where most of the Terre Haute natives built their cottages. These include Walter Duenweg, E.W. Johnson, Romeo Weinstein, Louis Duenweg, Rudolph Duenweg, Otto Hornung, Fred Goldsmith, Fred Seeburger, Henry Meyer and William Retz.

Yellow Fever and other maladies

Dr. Fitch offered advice on health, long life

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Wabash Valley families of the 1870s relied heavily on a family doctor book entitled "Family Physician."

The author, Dr. Samuel S. Fitch of New York City, proudly stated that three generations of his family had practiced medicine for 120 years, and that he had been consulted by about 100,000 persons suffering from every variety of human malady during the past 20 years.

Testimonial letters from grateful patients completely cured of every ailment and disease imaginable were scattered through the book. If the people believed these glowing tributes, it's no wonder they had so much faith in the book.

Dr. Fitch had a theory about "humors," internal diseases caused by bad blood. Falling hair, he believed, was caused by a humor that settled on the scalp. He believed that shampooing the head greatly relaxed the scalp and caused falling hair. He inferred that shampooing almost always injured the hair to some degree.

If readers care to try Dr. Fitch's superior tooth powder they can use his recipe. "Mix and pulverize perfectly three ounces of Peruvian bark, one-fourth ounce Gum Myrrh, half an ounce Nut Galls, half an ounce Cuttle-fish Bone, one-fourth ounce Chloride of Lime and 60 drops Oil of Bergamot." This was to be used one to three times a week.

In 1870 doctors still believed that Yellow Fever was caused by eating improper foods in a tropical climate. He cautioned his readers not "to swallow the pulp of any fruit; only swallow the juice, and spit out the pulp wholly and entirely.

"On the first show of the disease," he advised, "drink one or two quarts of strong, warm herb tea such as boneset or any of the mints. In 10 minutes or so after drinking the tea, take a lobelia emetic and vomit yourself for an hour or more. Do it most faithfully. Vomit yourself as nearly to death as you can

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and not die."

The next part gets really tough. "Take an open chair, say a split cane or such open-bottomed chair, and place under it a saucerful of burning rum or alcohol. Take off all your clothing, sit on the chair, and have blankets put all around you, so as to be entirely covered except your head, but so arranged as to allow the vapor of the burning alcohol to pass all around you. Perspiration will run off you as water. Sit on this chair thus perspiring until you faint and fall off the chair.

"Let them take you up and give you a half pint of castor-oil. Now be placed in bed and covered up warmly; you will sleep some and sweat several hours, say five or six; on awakening, your oil will freely operate, and you will be perfectly well. You must lay in your bed 14 days, and take only water-gruel, not a bit of solid food. Take not the least exercise; keep close from the air during the whole 14 days. If you do not do this you will have a relapse, and must be treated exactly as at first." This last threat of repeated treatment would have kept anyone in bed.

Epidemics of Cholera Morbus and Asiatic Cholera were greatly feared. Dr. Fitch recommended that for the former, the patient should

"drink very freely of strong spearmint tea hot, with sugar or milk in it, or both, as you please. As soon as the stomach is somewhat sweetened, give a good portion of butternut bark tea, or castor-oil, along with ten drops of laudanum and one tablespoonful of either blackberry or black cherry brandy."

Fitch believed that those who lived right seldom had those diseases, but those who went to excesses in living, overdoing, and ate improper food were almost certain to bring it on. He also advised leaving the cholera district if possible for at least 12 weeks.

One section of Dr. Fitch's book listed what not to eat. It would have been simpler to list what he did approve of in the way of food. He forbade fruit, cooked or raw, tomatoes, corn, cabbage, raw vegetables of any kind, apple dumplings, shell-fish, fresh fish, smoked fish, smoked meat, bananas, sweet potatoes, nuts, pastry, hard-boiled eggs, melons, cucumbers, pickles and no meals late in the day.

He recommended that people make no experiments in their diet. He had seen whole families swept away by one lobster. He approved of chewing a little rhubarb for a physic, but did not approve of any sea voyage of long duration.

Dr. Fitch believed there were four great causes of sickness and premature deaths. First, the common cold, or checked perspiration; second, eating too much at improper times (before 2 p.m.); third, drinking too much of alcoholic liquors, wines, beer, etc., and fourth, overwork or overtasking our powers.

"All who would live long," advised Fitch, "should have occupations and a purpose in life. It is of the first importance that we should have employment, profitable and pleasant, if possible, but, at all events, pleasant — reading some, but physical exercise and labor more. Never be idle. Do something good, something useful, every day of your life."

Diary of 1853

Traveler called Terre Haute 'finest country I

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Travel diaries are one of the most important resources for local history. They also are excellent sources for family history and genealogy.

The travel diary of Andrew Jackson North began April 12, 1853, when he and three companions — G.W. North, J.B. Myers and S.G. Wild — left their homes in Newville, Cumberland County, Pa. They planned to be gone more than two months.

Their fare to Harrisburg, where they ate their evening meal, was 95 cents. The next night they arrived in Pittsburgh (fare \$6.80) and were "very tired after being out all night and got nothing to eat since last night and no sleep." They put up at the St. Clair House.

The next morning they went to see Major McCanlish to get a \$100 Harrisburg note changed to \$50 in gold and \$50 in paper money. They took passage on the steamboat *Paul Anderson*. The fare was \$5 to Cincinnati, including all meals on board; all four occupied one stateroom.

After breakfast, the weather was clear and cold and the boat was still

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taking on freight, so the men went sightseeing. They toured a glass works, a rolling mill and counted 32 boats lying along the Monongahela River. The two Norths went to see a newly finished boat, which was touted as the largest boat ever on the Ohio River. They agreed it was magnificent, that Pittsburgh was the blackest place they ever saw. There, chimneys from every house and building were "belching forth

clouds of impenetrable smoke from this bituminous coal." Another night was spent on board at Pittsburgh.

Still taking on freight and passengers the next morning, the *Paul Anderson* eventually got up steam and moved off south into the Ohio River.

"This steamboating is pleasant," North reported, "traveling smooth, easy, this huge palace floats on the bosom of this mighty current. Nay, floats did I say? She is propelled, forced, rushed, shot along as if by magic, swift as the wind, while here we sit, about 300 of us, in a fine parlour, fine carpet, comfortable chairs and sofas, ladies and gents, warm stoves, with room to promenade and enjoy themselves."

After a "first rate dinner at noon," the afternoon was spent in watching the small Ohio towns go by. "Evening supper at six o'clock was all right."

The next day, Sunday, was rainy and cold. Following evening supper, the passengers prepared for preaching of a sermon by a Baptist

lady. North described her as a "strong, courageous looking old lady (who) done very well, all quiet, everyone paying strict attention."

Within 32 miles of Cincinnati the next day, they found the country on each side of the river very hilly. They found Cincinnati "a great city, and peach trees in bloom." They saw "steamboats without number, steam engines and factories" and put up at the Winne House.

The next morning they left for Indianapolis by way of Dayton, fare \$4.50. Here they visited friends before going on to Greenville to stay the night at the Buckeye House, leaving early the next morning for Indianapolis where they put up at Little's Hotel.

In the afternoon the group went out to see Dr. Hannon's land one and a half miles east of the city near the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. The Indiana Central Railroad runs through it. North noted the layout of the city, the number of very large buildings and the fact that nine railroads concentrated there. In his opinion, Indianapolis was "rather

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dull compared with Cinti or Pittsburgh."

Leaving Indianapolis by train, the group traveled to Terre Haute, 89 miles, passing through Bridgeport, Plainfield, White Lick River, Cartersburg Station, Claysville, Norristown, Crittendon, Coatsville, Fillmore, Greencastle, Reels Mill, Croys Creek, Brazil, Highland, Cloverland, Woods Mills (now Seelyville). Before arriving in Terre Haute, about two miles out, North reported "the finest country I ever saw, a large black sand prairie about 15 miles long and about six miles broad and the finest farms imaginable.

"This Terre Haute is a beautiful city," he wrote, with "very fine buildings, a first rate business place on the Wabash River." They stopped for the night at Brown's Hotel, and left the next morning "for Decatur by private conveyance for which we are to pay \$30." By nightfall they had traveled as far as Paris, Ill., reporting the country to be very hilly and broken.

Leaving Paris the next morning,

they passed over 20 miles of prairie on the Springfield Road via a small village called Independence where they stopped for dinner. Next they went through 20 miles of prairie and crossed over a railroad staked off running from Chicago to Cairo.

A thunderstorm caused them to stop at V. Wallace's tavern where they stayed all night. The 35 miles to Decatur were accomplished before dark the next night. North's diary goes into detail about the people he visited in the Decatur area and their relationship to his family, friends and neighbors back home in Pennsylvania.

From there he traveled on to St. Louis, then up the Mississippi to near Keokuk where he saw 7,000 Mormons camped on the river bank, one of the stops on their long journey to Salt Lake City.

North's party put up at the Hamilton House in Chicago, then left by stage for Fort Wayne, staying there at the Hediken House, before continuing the journey via stage over plank roads, canal boats through Ohio and railroads. They arrived home safely June 25, 1853.

'35 Terre Haute strike shows potential of labor

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Terre Haute, Ind. — In 1935, this largely industrial community was paralyzed by workers who staged what many believe was the most successful citywide strike in the nation's history.

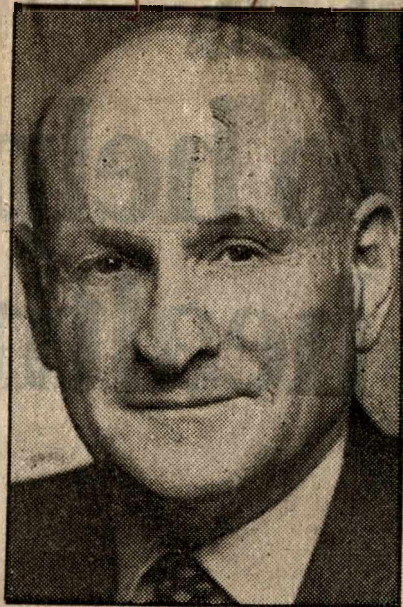
Saturday, those who still marvel at the solidarity displayed among unions then will celebrate the strike's 50th anniversary on the Indiana State University campus.

"That strike showed what the possibilities are when there is solidarity among trade unions," said Joseph M. Jacobs, a prominent Chicago labor lawyer who has represented some 45 labor unions since he began practicing law in 1931.

Jacobs said he was sent to Terre Haute by the Chicago federation of labor to assist strikers and to seek an injunction against the government.

The citywide strike, which began on July 22, 1935, halted public transportation and closed major industrial plants. Workers at restaurants and shops lent support by walking off their jobs. Striking coal miners helped enforce the shutdown.

Historians estimate that nearly 20,000 workers participated in the strike, which virtually closed down the hometown of organized labor leader Eugene V. Debs for two days. Debs, an organized labor pioneer, died in 1926.



Unionist Jack Sheinkman will be honored at conference.

Jacobs said the strike began after more than a year of labor unrest at Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co., a manufacturer of enamel-coated metal utensils. The company now is named General Housewares Corp.

Representatives of 48 unions voted to take a "labor holiday" unless company officials deported strikebreakers they had brought into town from Chicago.

The strikebreakers crossing picket lines at the firm created "enough indignation" on the part of other workers to trigger the citywide strike, Jacobs said.

He said then-Gov. Paul V. Mc-

Nutt sent National Guard units to Terre Haute and instituted martial law, which lasted six months, even after the labor dispute at Columbian Enameling and Stamping had been resolved.

With Vigo County under military control, groups were not allowed to meet in public without permission, residents virtually were confined to their homes and movement outside the county was controlled.

Jacobs recalls a union president who was jailed after attempt-

ing to file a police report because he was shot at on a street corner.

"That was the last I saw of him," Jacobs said. "He was incarcerated, and when I tried to get him out of jail, the judge denied the writ of habeas corpus because the city was under martial law. They kept him locked up for five days."

Jacobs believes the federal government is set on destroying the labor union concept.

"We need a new example like the Terre Haute strike to show the strength unions can have," he said.

The 50th anniversary conference, sponsored by the Eugene V. Debs Foundation, will conclude with an awards dinner honoring Jack Sheinkman, secretary-treasurer of Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers union, for his contributions to organized labor.

Charles D. King, a spokesman for the Debs Foundation, said Sheinkman has led union organizing campaigns at the Farah Manufacturing Co. and at the J. P. Stevens Co.

He also led a delegation of leaders on a fact-finding mission to El Salvador and has been con-

cerned about human rights in Central America, King said.

The first Debs Foundation award was presented in 1965 to the late John L. Lewis, who was president of the United Mine Workers of America, and recent recipients include deceased labor leader Walter Reuther, civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, novelist Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and singer Pete Seeger.

Robert White, former ambassador to El Salvador, will give the main address and present the award to Sheinkman at Saturday's conference.

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transit in 1850s

When Terre Haute was New Yorker's diary tells of canal

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Memoirs of former Terre Hauteans afford present-day readers a glimpse of the past.

In 1850 Minot S. Watson left New York City, his birthplace, in company with his mother, sister and younger brothers. He was headed west where his mother's sister, the widow of James Wasson, a retired sea captain, resided in Terre Haute, Ind.

Watson told how they went by steamer on the Hudson River from New York to Albany, then by rail to Buffalo, changing cars twice. There were no sleeping cars, so they had to sleep as best they could on the hard, leather-covered seats.

At Buffalo they embarked on the side-wheel steamer "Queen City," with Capt. Titus. It was a "substantial sea-worthy craft, with comfortable staterooms and a bountiful table, bound for Toledo, Ohio," Watson related.

"At Toledo we took passage on the canal packet for Terre Haute via the Wabash & Erie Canal. The accommodations of this craft were admirable," Watson wrote, "The cabin served both as dining room and bedroom. At night a curtain dropped amidship separated the sexes, and wooden platforms, suspended by cords from the ceil-

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ing, provided with bedding, proved comfortable resting places.

"The boat, drawn by six horses, passed smoothly on through primitive forests on either hand, with an occasional glimpse of a startled deer or wild turkey. The region we passed through was sparsely settled, the houses chiefly of logs. The larger cities, Fort Wayne and Lafayette, we passed in the night.

"The passengers were mostly original settlers socially inclined. My attention was directed to a mother with a querulous infant, who quieted it to sleep with a tag dipped in laudanum inserted

between its lips in lieu of soothing syrup."

Watson told how "a break in the canal obliged us to remain a night and a day at Brown's hotel, Covington, Ind. Capt. Brown was in after years landlord of the Buntin House on Third Street in Terre Haute."

"The arrival of the packet in the basin at Sibleytown was an event in that day. [Note: This was in vicinity of Second and Chestnut.] Quite a crowd was present to witness our disembarkation after 10 days' journey from New York. We took rooms at the Prairie House [later Terre Haute House], owned by Chauncey Rose, and mine host was T. Campbell Buntin, affectionately called 'Uncle Cam' by his friends.

"Terre Haute in 1850 was a frontier town," wrote Watson, "dignified in name a city, with a population of 4,051, according to the census taken that year. The principal retail business street was the National Road, now Main Street. The shops from Third to Fifth were mostly one-story frame buildings. About the courthouse square were substantial brick erec-

tions, notable the Fairbanks building, corner of Third and Main. This was the wholesale district.

"Terre Haute was then a Porkopolis, and pork packing was its chief industry. Spacious slaughter houses lined the river bank. This business assumed such proportions that in the winter season 110,000 porkers were killed, packed and shipped on flatboats to New Orleans for domestic and foreign markets.

"The private residences were located on Ohio, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets in spacious enclosures embowered with shrubbery, and shade trees lined the unpaved streets. The more pretentious mansions were those of James Farrington, on the southern limit; Jacob D. Early, on Ohio Street; and of Curtis Gilbert, east of the canal on the National Road [now Gilbert Park].

"The old colonial mansion of Demas Deming on Sixth Street presented a stately appearance located on an entire city square. In 1850 there was but one railroad in the state of Indiana running from Madison to Indianapolis. The only means of communication between

Terre Haute and the outer world was by Concord Stage coaches. In winter and spring, journeying over the frozen or miry and corduroyed roads made life a burden."

There were relays every 15 miles when Watson rode with Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri enroute to Washington, D.C., from Indianapolis, a trip of over 60 hours. In 1851 he endured 48 hours of staging with William Taggart in midwinter to Evansville.

Watson related how "sidewheel steamboats, of goodly size, plied at high water between New Orleans and Terre Haute, laden with merchandise for the business houses, with a return cargo of pork products. To reach St. Louis it was optional to go down the Wabash and Ohio rivers to Cairo, thence by the Mississippi River to destination, or by stage across the grand prairie of Illinois, a distance of over 200 miles."

Born in Terre Haute in 1822, Nathaniel Allen could remember attending the first school at Fifth and Walnut Streets. His teachers were Charles Noble and Benjamin Hayes.

The first show he could remember coming to town had an elephant and a black bear. The tent was put up on the north side of Main Street between First and Second, close to where Bauermeister's store was built later, on a lot then owned by Ezra Smith.

The first hotel he remembered was a two-story log house kept by Capt. Wasson and called "Indian Hotel." The next man to run it was named Cary.

The first saloon, Allen wrote, was located on the west side of First Street about half way between Main and Ohio streets. He told how saloons "were not run then as now, and the method of treating was different. In those days if a man was treating say six friends he would tell the barkeep to give him six pence worth of whiskey."

"The bartender would fill a glass that would hold a pint of whiskey. Then six glasses would be set out, and it would be divided out. Next time another man would do the same thing, and so on until all treated. Usually they had all they could carry when they left. Whiskey sold for from 10 to 12 cents a gallon."

candy bar?

Snippets from local history

Do you remember name of ham-shaped

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This writer is obliged to agree with a statement made by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft — best known for the book he authored, "Personal Memories of a Residence of Thirty Years with the Indian Tribes" — about his journey up the Maumee River and down the Wabash in 1821.

In 1838 Schoolcraft said, "I do not know that I shall live to make use of the materials I collect, or that I have the capacity to digest and employ them; but, if not, they be useful in the hands of other laborers."

Kind readers pose questions about local history and give suggestions for future columns. For example:

Does anyone know what color the lights were on the different streetcar runs? One person remembered red and white, green and white and red and green. Surely there's a knowledgeable reader who can solve this problem.

Can anyone remember the gypsy camps south of town on the Seventh Street Road where Brookside Estates is located? The report was that six or seven wagons of gypsies camped in the Oregon Church yard.

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About 1910 the Holy Rollers put up their large tent in Terre Haute and attracted a few converts along with many spectators. Where was this tent located?

After preaching and much talk about fire and brimstone, the congregation would yell in tongues and throw themselves to the ground, snorting, jumping up and wrestling with "The Spirit." Their leaders were usually persuaded to move on when the turmoil provoked violence. Now people watch the aerobic exercisers on television and get the same effect without the tent.

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I collect little unimportant happenings of local history. This one concerns musicians. Where the Deming Center now stands on the southeast corner of Sixth and Cherry Streets, was formerly the site of the Congregational Church. The basement of the old church was sometimes used as the rehearsal place for orchestras. The church grounds were surrounded by a tall iron fence with double gates in front, fastened with a padlock when the church was not being used.

On one occasion a group of musicians went there and found the gates padlocked. They had the key to the church, so they decided to climb the fence. They first placed their instruments over the fence and then went over themselves.

One of them was a little old fellow with a bass fiddle. He managed to get the unwieldy fiddle over the fence all right, but when he tried to climb the tricky iron palings he lost his nerve when he reached the top, got scared and fell, right on his beloved fiddle. There was a crunch of wood and a snapping of strings. When he regained his feet and surveyed the wreckage, he moaned, "Ach, mein bass is ganz geput!"

Turkey has been much on the minds of everyone following the recent Thanksgiving Day feast, but turkey is also slang for colossal failure. Turkey actors are hopeful performers, generally a lot more optimistic than they are talented. They get together, hire a hall and perform a play on Thanksgiving Day.

Audiences are always in a good mood on Thanksgiving. Stuffed with turkey and dressing, they're easy to please. The actors in these shows were usually so bad, though, that turkey became synonymous with a flop.

How many readers remember the early candy bars? The original Hershey bar came out in 1894. Who remembers favorites like Buck Privates, Duck Lunch, Leaping Lenas and Chicken Dinners? There are regional specialties like the Goo-Goo Cluster and Cherry Humps.

What was the name of the delicious candy bar made in the shape of a ham? It was popular in this area in the 1930s. Now Snickers is supposed to be the most popular bar nationwide. Some of us recall the frozen Milky Ways at Izaak Walton Beach in the summer time. What was your favorite in the "good old days?"

Early in 1986 Halley's comet will again appear, pleasing amateur astronomers and causing a new bout of comet fever. This comet shows up once every 76 years, inspiring outbursts of predictions, doom-sayings and bizarre behavior. Surely this time people will be more used to rockets to the moon, satellites orbiting the earth, etc., and won't be so alarmed.

The last time history's most famous comet appeared, in 1910, the Germans held a sweepstakes on the moment when Halley's would come closest to the sun. Oklahoma sheriffs arrived just in time to prevent a group calling itself "Sacred Followers" from sacrificing a virgin. Astrologers attributed the death of England's King Edward VII to Halley's influence.

Edmond Halley, a brilliant 17th-century scientist who founded modern cosmology, geophysics, oceanography, meteorology and demography, is best remembered for one accomplishment. Halley observed the comet early on the morning of Nov. 22, 1682, at his home observatory at Islington near London.

All sorts of myths and superstitions surround comets. They were believed responsible for everything from the sudden disappearance of the dinosaurs to major outbreaks of influenza.

enactment anniversary

21st Amendment celebrates

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By Dave Delaney
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

People who drink might want to raise a glass to today. It was Dec. 5, 1933, when drinking alcoholic beverages once again became legal in the United States.

They called it the repeal of Prohibition.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was president, and the act ended 14 years of America being a dry country. Prohibition went into effect Jan. 16, 1920, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto.

"Prohibition was a bad law," said Fred Cartwright of Peddle Park at 1616 S. 25th St. "As far as I'm concerned, it was abnormal."

Cartwright, 76, said some people who rarely drank before Prohibition suddenly took to making home brew and other alcoholic beverages.

"They didn't like this law shoved down their throats," he said. "People today wouldn't stand for that

kind of thing."

The long-time Terre Haute resident said he believes law-enforcement officials knew about the speak-easies that sold liquor illegally here and in many other U.S. communities.

"They had to make an arrest every now and then," Cartwright said, "but people knew when the raid was coming."

The retiree said he remembers minister Billy Sunday preaching against liquor. "He was a professional baseball player and a boozier in his younger days," Cartwright claimed.

Because Terre Haute is centrally located to Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville, Cartwright said gangsters sometimes came here to lay over when the heat was on.

He recalled the days when "Two Gun" Kaiser ran a speakeasy on the old Riley Road south of Terre Haute. "You could drive right in just like a night club and get what

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FRED CARTWRIGHT
Recalls city's speak-easies

you wanted," he said.

Cartwright said the Italians in Clinton never stopped making their homemade wine just because Prohibition was on.



PAULINE JEFFERS
Remembers Brewery opening

Shannon Buntin of Terre Haute said many people made their own liquor at home. "One gallon of alcohol and a gallon and a half of water would make 10 quarts of gin

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for just 50 cents a quart," said Buntin. "They bought gin flavoring at the hardware store."

Buntin said many people wore hip flasks to dances and football games. "They'd either drink it straight or put it in soda pop," he said.

Those who lived through Prohibition say it did little to curb drinking. There were numerous speak-easies in Terre Haute that included the Rustic Inn in the alley behind Merchants National Bank at Seventh and Wabash, the Hill Top on the Marshall Road, the Doll House and Fort Heyden on the west side of the Wabash River bridge, the Log Cabin south of town, the Homestead run by the Blackburns, Frenchies in North Terre Haute, the Flash Light at 25th and Popular, Bill Henry's Steak House on Brown Avenue and Marie Gregory's Apple House just to name several.

Pauline Jeffers of Peddle Park is

another who remembers Prohibition in Terre Haute.

"The Terre Haute Brewery was put out of business by Prohibition," she said. "But it opened again on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1934."

"I remember that's the same day J.C. Penney first came here," said Jeffers, adding that her husband, Carl, worked at the brewery from 1936 until it closed in November 1958.

"There were a lot of speak-easies here back then," continued Jeffers, recalling the Rex Club as one of them.

Prohibition is a distant memory to Helen Scott of Peddle Park. "Seems it's almost forgotten now," she said. "I remember there were places you could go to buy whiskey or beer," she said.

For many years after Prohibition was repealed, a picture of FDR hung on a wall of the Sonka Tavern at Wabash and 14th Street. He was depicted as the patron saint who ended Prohibition.

News from 1881

Garfield death not only story

*Clark, Dorothy
History (VH)*

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Black-bordered newspapers announced the tragic death of President James A. Garfield in September 1881. Bells tolled, buildings were draped in black crepe and gun salutes were fired in his memory.

People gathered to talk about the sad news. Others read their newspapers, then packed them away in a trunk in the attic and forgot about them.

But there was other news that date.

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Also on the front page sharing the rehash of the Garfield assassination was the murder of John Hunt, an old farmer in Brown County, Ind.

He was seen leaving a funeral with two men, John Brownfield and Ben Mathis. A neighbor saw them pass his house and reported they were chatting in a friendly manner. A short time later, Brownfield and Mathis walked back past the neighbor's house, but Hunt wasn't with them.

They were acting suspiciously, so he investigated and found Hunt's mutilated body. He had been robbed. The murderers were soon caged. Justice was swift in 1881.

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A new bakery had just opened at 807 Poplar St. by Max Meinhold, a member of the Amalgamated Union. He offered to deliver fresh bread, cakes and pies anywhere in the city.

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The Help Wanted columns were on page one in 1881. The newspaper office needed a "woman to do some scrubbing."

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The Exchange Hotel, 10th and Chestnut Streets, offered to pay \$16 a month for a cook. They also needed "three girls for dining room and other purposes."

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J. H. Blake, 225 Ohio St., needed to hire a woman to cook, wash and iron. He also needed "a man to milk and make himself useful."

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Joseph W. Thorpe of Terre Haute wanted to sell his "nice little farm at a big bargain. I have the Texas fever badly and want to sell out ... contains 60 acres located half a mile south of the city on the National Road ... under good

Historically speaking



Clark is Vigo County's official historian and formerly worked for The Terre Haute Tribune.

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By Dorothy Clark
Special to The Tribune-Star

cultivation, five-room frame house, good well and nice little orchard of 30 trees, title perfect, 30 acres in wheat."

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Fred A. Ross, one-time mayor of the city, wanted to sell cheap a property on the corner of Second and Vine Streets, with stable, woodshed, well, cistern and cellar.

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Theodore Hulman or Marcus Schoemehl, 314½ Ohio St., wanted to rent "two desirable store rooms on the south side of Ohio between Third and Fourth Streets."

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The Vandalia Railroad, Logansport Division, was selling tickets for the Soldiers' Reunion at Lafayette for \$2.70 round trip, two round trips each day.

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In the City and County column, readers learned that Sandford was to be incorporated; the Vigo County Temperance Union was \$15 in debt; and there were 25 paupers on the Clay County poor farm.

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William Lintz of the Nail Works was smiling because he had a new 10-pound baby boy. We hope his wife was still smiling. Lafayette Byard, who worked in the cooper shop at the Nail Works, had a new 8-pound baby girl.

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Newspaper reporter Jack Joice was off duty for the week because he was on a walking trip to Merom, Ind.

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To show that history does repeat itself, an item stated that Brazil folks were having a little trouble in their schools. Whether or not the city superintendent would be re-

employed was the cause of the trouble.

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James Nichols who owned the grocery on the corner of First and Swan Streets built an addition to his store.

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A mechanic who was repairing the steeple of the Congregational Church at the corner of Sixth and Cherry Streets, dropped some fire from the firepot onto the roof and caused some excitement. The fire department was called, but he had managed to get the accident under control before they were needed.

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Editorials in 1881 dealt with homey problems instead of world politics. The editor directed the attention of the "Sanitary Force" to the alley between Fourth and Fifth, running from Walnut to Poplar Streets.

"It is in a very bad condition," he said. "Dead rats, piles of manure, stacks of wood, numbers of wagons, etc., make it a filled up affair, and no wonder the citizens in that vicinity are complaining."

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The obituary of George H. Hager appeared on page one. The son of the late Jacob H. and Carry Ross Hager, the 20-year-old died at the residence of his uncle, Luther G. Hager. Funeral services were to be held at St. Stephen's Church.

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A long rambling account of a happening the previous Saturday evening at the fairgrounds took up quite a bit of space. At first the policeman was blamed, but when the facts were all in, it was learned he was correct in using his billy club on the wrong-doer. Officer Wheatfill reported he was on duty keeping the race track clear of unsavory persons when Oscar Martin appeared.

He was ordered off, but refused profanely to obey, so force was used, and Oscar started swinging and Wheatfill hit him with his billy club, etc. Eye-witnesses upheld the policeman in doing his duty and defending himself. At least he didn't kill the man.

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Like I always say, nothing new in town, just different people doing it.

There oughta be a law Did Terre Haute ban short dresses?

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Maurice Miller isn't really sure why he got a letter from 11-year-old Michelle Ripa, of Warwick, R.I.

Maurice, an associate professor of special education at Indiana State University, figures Michelle is in a program for gifted and talented children.

Michelle, who identified herself as a pupil in the Advanced Learning Activities Program at Scott School in that East Coast city, told Maurice she was doing some research. She had a couple of questions for him, she explained.

"For an activity I received the law 'in Terre Haute, Indiana, women's dresses may be no more than two inches above the ankle.'

"I was told to do research on it and this is what I found: In the '40s, dresses and skirts were about an inch below the knee. During the '50s lengths kept changing. Then in the '60s ladies wore skirts two inches above the knees. But now in the '80s dresses are an inch above the ankle, called maxi-dresses, or worn any length they want to wear them.

"I think women should be able to wear whatever they want and as

Wake-up call



By Susan J. Kaufman

A veteran newswoman, Kaufman writes here each Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday about life and those who live it in the Wabash Valley.

long or as short as they like.

"Why can't women wear what they want? If someone didn't follow the law what would happen? Please answer my questions."

Maurice shared Michelle's letter with me, and I did a little research myself.

For what it's worth, Michelle, I agree with you. I think women should be able to wear whatever they want, and as long or as short as they like.

If it makes you feel any better, that's the way city attorney Robert

Effner sees it, too.

"You can tell Michelle your city attorney wouldn't favor a law like that," Effner said.

The city attorney told me he didn't remember any law like the one Michelle mentioned. "The city ordinances were recodified in 1970. I presume if such a law existed prior to that time it was taken off the books."

"I can't believe this was ever a law," attorney Murray West, a 1986 candidate for Vigo County prosecutor, told me when I hailed him from my table at the library.

Murray pulled out West's (no relation) Annotated Indiana Code General Index to show me there is no entry in the state code about wearing apparel regarding the length of women's skirts.

My favorite researchers in the Vigo County Public Library checked all the old law books they had on file, Michelle. Among five of us who combed through the books at the library, nary a sign could be found of the law concerning women's skirt lengths.

But we did come across a series of books by Dick Hyman that

referred to a number of obscure laws across this nation.

In one of his first books, "The Cockeyed Americana," Hyman wrote, "Sandwiched among our country's sound and workable statutes, there are hundreds of cockeyed ordinances that remain to clutter up our law books because the powers that be — from state legislators to town fathers — have not got around to repealing them..."

I suspect, Michelle, that your instructor may have found talk of this law in a book by "The Cockeyed Americana" author.

You might want to write Mr. Hyman and tell him what you learned in talking to the folks in Terre Haute.

In the meantime, I plan to pass on a copy of "The Cockeyed Americana" to Pat Pastore, our newspaper's correspondent in Vermillion County.

According to the book, it seems that in a city in that county — Clinton, to be exact — there's a law on the books that makes it illegal to take a bath in winter.

I'd like to know what happens to someone who breaks that law.

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A series of explosions and small fires in plants and homes kept the fire department busy and headlined the news events this week in 1935.

Several people narrowly escaped injury when a vat exploded at the HarrisonSmith Reduction Plant on the banks of the Wabash River.

Harrison Ellinger, a plant employee, was first reported buried beneath the wreckage but was later found alive and unharmed.

Fire Company 4 made a run to the plant, but the services of the truck were not needed.

A panic alarm sent to Hose Co. 5 and Truck 1, sent both companies to 640 Walnut St., where the residents reported that "hot" wires were threatening property. No damage was reported.

An ignited can of turpentine caused an estimated \$16 damage at the Nell Garrough home. Company 5, Truck 1 and Assistant Fire Chief Frank Miller answered the alarm.

Company 6 and Truck 3 answered a smoke scare at the Bate Newlon home, 44 Gilbert Ave.

A blow torch used to thaw out a gasoline pump caused a fire scare at 2824 Wabash Ave. A phone call to fire headquarters resulted in companies 6 and 8, Truck 3 and Fire Chief Rowe making the run.

Sheriff Parker presented plans to the county council for a two-man night patrol in radio-equipped squad cars.

Henry Flemming was arrested during a raid for operating a gambling house at 301 N. 27th St.

Moore Filling Station, U.S. 41 south of Rea Park, was destroyed by a fire that began in the basement. The station had been nearly destroyed about a month

before from a flash fire that developed on the drive after gasoline had been spilled.

Police Chief, Lewis Wheeler, was presented with a diamond set gold badge by his fellow officers.

Robert Jefford was robbed of more than \$200 as he was about to make a night deposit for McCrory's 5&10 cent Store, at the Terre Haute First National Bank.

Anna Acuff, 600 S. 4th St., died from burns sustained from a fumes explosion and gas flash from the furnace located in the basement of her home.

25 years ago this week

Ronald Lee McKay, 808 N. 9th St., described by police as a chronic troublemaker, was charged with the beating of two hotel employees.

McKay received two suspended sentences for the beatings.

McKay admitted attacking Eugene McCarty, night clerk at the Great Northern Hotel. McCarty, who police say was bludgeoned with a rake handle held by McKay, was hospitalized for 17 days at Union Hospital. Jessie Phelps, another hotel employee who came to McKay's aid, was also beaten by McKay, police said.

Official police records reveal that McKay has been arrested by the department at least nine times for a variety of offenses including burglary of the Elks Country Club.

A petition was filed by West Terre Haute residents to remove the sandbag levee, which had been built to control Wabash River flood waters, until the lead in the Sugar Creek Levee was repaired.

Vigo County received \$123,767 in Gas Tax Refunds.

Lake Central Airlines announced plans to begin using Jet Prop Super Convairs at Hulman Field.

Mayor Ralph Tucker was confined to the hospital with a back

injury.

One hundred and fifty Indiana high school students participated in the 20th annual high school forensics tournament at Indiana State Teachers College.

Terre Haute office of Public Service of Indiana announced a \$34 million construction budget for expansion and improvements of the current facilities.

A suit was filed to keep Paul Cox Airfield permanently open for air traffic.

Anton Hulman Jr. was re-elected chairman of the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources committee.

10 years ago

The selection of jurors began in the case of the United States vs. George Albright Jr.

The former sheriff was charged with violating the civil rights of a man arrested for an alleged drug offense.

Glenn D. Barlow, Mill Creek, complained to federal authorities that drugs had been planted on him by Vigo County sheriff's deputies when he was arrested.

Named as unindicted co-conspirators were Sheriff's Lt. Larry Peters and Robert A. Poynter, a former undercover narcotics agent for the Vigo County Sheriff's Department. Those two entered pleas of no contest to the charges.

North Terre Haute obtained a new fire rescue truck to be paid for by such activities as its annual fish fry and chicken supper.

Dr. Rutherford B. Porter was presented a plaque for outstanding service to the fight against mental illness by the Vigo County Mental Health Association.

Indiana State University enrolled more than 10,000 students for the spring semester.

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50 years ago this week

The city council passed a resolution presented by Jay Barrett that provided for the furnishing of considerable work for the unemployed of the city under the provisions of the WPA.

The resolution provided for the construction of a training wall along the east bank of the Wabash River from the Big-4 bridge south to College Avenue. The wall was to be constructed to stay the continuous washing of the banks between the high and low water marks. (The wall was never built.)

The other improvement included in the resolution provided for the construction of a brick sewer, west and north from Second and Turner Streets, south to connect with the Hulman sewer at Thirteenth Street and Lockport Road.

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Mayor Sam Beecher and other officials met with H.A. Logan, head of the state WPA to discuss the possible use of government funds to erect a new city hall.

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The new Terre Haute Federal

Building, Seventh and Cherry Streets, opened for business.

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T.A. Spore and 79 other men, all FERA workers, began a survey of real property in and around the Terre Haute area.

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Police Officers Thomas Berry, Oscar Donham, William Gleason, Roberts Cedars, Charles Shumand, Gary Thompson and Henry Rickelman were notified to appear before the board of works and safety in order that steps to retire them and place them on the pension rolls could be taken.

25 years ago this week

Terre Haute area redevelopment received approval of a \$139,398 grant for the southeast sanitation project.

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Attorney Jack Mankin filed for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from Vigo County.

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Jack Crowder was fatally injured in a two-car crash at 13th Street and Third Avenue.

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Charles Lee Isom was stabbed with a table knife by Ernest

Williams Stahls during breakfast at the Federal Penitentiary.

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Terre Haute was hit with the heaviest snow fall in seven years.

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Terre Haute was selected as one of three Indiana cities to have a direct national warning telephone connection with the national civil and military defense authorities.

10 years ago this week

A kidnap/extortion scheme failed when an attempt was made to kidnap Helen B. Finnerty, and to extort money from her husband, Thomas J. Finnerty, president of the Terre Haute Savings Bank.

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Slick roads and highways caused by a heavy snowfall resulted in a number of minor accidents and the closing of the local schools.

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General Telephone of Terre Haute received \$7.4 million for construction and expansion of its facilities.

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Plans were put into motion to build a new \$600,000 National Guard Armory by 1977.

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50 years ago this week...

The body of John Thompson was discovered lying face down on the banks of a small stream about 1/4 mile east of Prairie Creek.

John Putton and Tom Sullivan, two area youths, discovered the body and reported it to the police.

Vigo County Coroner, Dr. R.C. Van Arsdale, was called to the scene to investigate.

According to information gathered by the investigating officers, Thompson had gone to Prairie Creek about a week earlier and had not been seen or heard from since.

Thompson reportedly left the Prairie Creek pool room with two other men, who had said they were going to come to Terre Haute.

Examination of Thompson's body by the coroner revealed a deep cut on the top of his head, a fractured skull and a broken neck.

Van Arsdale said it would have been almost impossible for Thompson to have sustained the injuries in a fall. There were indications from the investigating officers that Thompson was killed in another location and his body placed by the stream.

Thompson's hat was found lying near the body. Across the hat was a bloody handkerchief. Although no money was found in his billfold, acquaintances expressed the fact Thompson had carried a large sum of money on his person when he left his home.

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Fred Lutz, 1219 Ohio St., was arrested by patrolman Hawk Elbert and later sent to jail on second-degree burglary charges, after being caught in the act of stealing whiskey from the window of Hoffman's Pharmacy, 1119 Wabash Ave.

25 years ago this week...

A safe burglar who struck within a stone's throw of police headquarters broke open the safe at the Hoosier Auto Parts Store, 124 N. Second St., and took an estimated \$5,000 in cash and checks.

Earl Weber, 1909 S. Third St., manager of the store, told police he discovered the break-in when he opened the store for business. Weber said the \$3,000 in cash was in \$100 bills. Detectives Ray Tryon and Ed Rosch described the break-in as a professional job. The locks of two doors had been broken to get into the room where the safe was housed; scratch marks on both doors showed a heavy steel pry bar had been used to jimmy the lock.

The officers said the combination on the safe appeared to have been knocked off with one blow, and then a series of pins were pushed out and the safe opened.

Officers also noted the burglar had barely missed detection by police prowling cars, which checked the area twice during the early hours.

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A two-alarm fire that broke out during the early morning hours during a snow storm destroyed the First Church of God, 14012 Third Ave.

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The second largest snow fall of the season deposited five more inches on Terre Haute's snow- and ice-covered streets.

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Terre Haute received \$15,500 allotment from the federal government for a construction project at Hulman Field. The money was used to widen the taxi way and improve the existing apron.

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The arrest of Leon Cline, 1633 Tippecanoe Ave., by Terre Haute police led to the recovery of more than \$2,000 in office equipment and gave the police their first break in a four-month long investigation of the theft of more than \$8,000 in business machines.

10 years ago this week.

Flames still were shooting from a broken gas service line in the aftermath of what is determined one of the worst fires in Terre Haute's history.

Total damage estimate ranged from the upper hundred thousand dollar mark to several million dollars from the fire that destroyed or damaged over half a block of downtown businesses.

The fire reportedly started at Tindall's Appliance Store, Fifth Street and Wabash Avenue, and, fanned by a strong west wind, spread quickly to stores to the east.

The fire gutted the Erwin Block building, which housed Tindall's, the Indiana Business College and the Chairs Galore Annex.

Also damaged were the Shoe Box, Jack and Jill Children's and Maternity Fashions, and Throckmorton's Maytag Sales, Co. The damaged stores were saved from destruction by a fire wall between the Chairs Galore Annex and the Shoe Box.

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Charles Harris, his wife Janet and two children, Todd and Kelley, West Terre Haute, were nearly overcome by some type of fumes, and were taken to St. Anthony Hospital where they were treated.

Meanwhile West Terre Haute Police and Terre Haute Gas Corp. tried to find the fumes' source. Harris had awakened and could not stand without falling, but got to the phone and called the authorities.

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50 years ago this week

Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker were beaten and robbed by two bandits at their northside tavern. The bandits escaped with \$50 in cash and a quantity of jewelry.

The couple told police that the bandits entered the place and asked to purchase some candy. As Tucker started to wait on the men, one of them drew a gun. In the process of the robbery, Mrs. Tucker was knocked down and stomped in the stomach and on the wrists. Then the culprits attacked Mr. Tucker.

After securing the jewelry and money from the cash register the robbers jerked the telephone wires from the wall and escaped.

A suspect giving the name of Horace Jones, Columbus, Miss., was arrested a short time later by patrolmen Irving and Dunbar, who investigated the robbery.

Although the Tuckers were unable to identify the suspect, he was charged with carrying a revolver without a permit. Jones was arrested in a restaurant in the southwest section of the city. He had placed his gun in the overcoat pocket of the restaurant proprietor, where it was later found.

Jones admitted to the police that a white sedan bearing Mississippi license plates had been stolen from the streets of Columbus, Miss., on March 10. A charge of possession of a gun without a permit was filed on Jones in Circuit Court with a bond set at \$1,000. He also was held for federal officials for transporting stolen property across the state line.

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Terre Haute's population, human and canine, was decreased by 82, as Mrs. Flora Mae Adams and her 81 dogs, who had arrived in Terre Haute a few days earlier, were loaded into a large van furnished by the local Humane Society and started on her return to Indianapolis, where they were promised succor by the Indiana

Humane Society.

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At a meeting of the combined board of safety and public works committee it was decided that the electric traffic signals at 17th and Poplar streets, Ninth and Locust streets, 21st Street and Liberty Avenue, 14th and Chestnut streets and 13th Street and College be removed and replaced with street signs. The committee also decided that because the safety zone barriers on Wabash Avenue at Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and 13th streets had been the cause of numerous accidents they should be removed.

25 years ago this week

McLean Junior High School, 916 Lafayette Ave., and Rankin School, 2240 N. 19th St., were broken into and vandalized.

McLean School reported that seven trophies were taken from the case and smashed on the floor; sawdust was thrown into water fountains, profane messages were written on several walls and the combination was sawed off the safe. A large clock, a fire extinguisher and several teachers desks also were damaged.

At Rankin the vandals broke out a number of windows and ransacked desk drawers.

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Central and Southern Indiana, already staggering under one of the deepest snows in the 20th century, braced themselves for a new heavy snow accumulation for the third and fourth day in a row and the fourth storm of the season.

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The Vigo County Schools Reorganization Committee received proposed plans for reorganization of county schools in all township groups in a countywide advisory committee meeting.

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John Gilbert, 1604 Hendricks St., was killed when he was caught between a power loader shovel and

the building in the alley in the rear of the Deming Hotel Garage.

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Elliott's Jewelry Store, 11 Meadows Center, was broken into and more than \$1,200 in jewelry taken. Investigating officers reported entrance was gained by hurling a 40-pound cement block through the front door window.

10 years ago this week

Lt. Larry Peters was discharged from the Vigo County Sheriff's Department following an executive session of the Sheriff's Merit Board.

Mose Kassis, president of the four-member board, said the decision to terminate Peters was made by a 3-1 vote.

Peters had been suspended without pay by the Merit Board since Feb. 11. The board voted to restore Peter's pay from the Feb. 11 suspension until the termination.

Peters' permanent discharge was sought by Sheriff Ted Melvin, who had brought charges against Peters after the Sheriff's Department lieutenant was given a year's suspended sentence in U.S. District Court in January for violation of civil rights.

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A lone bandit held up the box office at Cinema I and II at Honey Creek Square and made off with \$232.50 in cash.

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For the first time in nearly 50 years, Hoosiers would have a direct vote in nomination of candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor and Lt. Governor in the 1976 election. The Indiana House joined the Senate and gave 68-31 approval to a bill, removing the top three officers from party conventions and putting them in the May primary.

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Mayor William J. Brighton announced the city's entitlement of Community Development money for 1975 had been increased by \$8,000.

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50 years ago this week...

While hundreds watched, six National Guard airplanes from the Indianapolis base flew closely overhead as part of ceremonies to dedicate the new local armory. With formal dedication ceremonies completed, everyone from the newest-recruited private to the highest-ranking general and public spirited citizens joined in a grand military ball.

The dedication was a day long to be remembered in the military

annals of Terre Haute and Vigo County.

Tribute by both military and citizens was paid to Homer Cox, Terre Haute citizen who was responsible for building the new armory building.

Rev. L.O. Richmond, regimental chaplain, pronounced the invocation.

Capt. Paul D. Harder, senior officer of the two local National Guard units, presided as spokesman after his introduction of Capt. E.W. Meisel, the new commanding officer.

Capt. Harder presented Mayor Sam Beecher, who delivered the address of welcome.

Lt. Col. Ben Milner, was next introduced and gave a brief review of the part that Terre Haute and Vigo County had played in the military success of the country.

Capt. Harder then presented Cox, introduced as Terre Haute's vitally interested citizen who had made possible the erection of the Armory. In his remarks, Cox voiced his pleasure in being able to do something for the National Guard and Terre Haute as a community.

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Wiley Post, holder of the round-the-world flight record and several other national and international records, made an unscheduled visit

to Terre Haute, when adverse weather conditions forced him to land at Paul Cox Field.

25 years ago this week...

Helene Thomas, and her daughter Zeda Mae Lawson, 452 Gilbert Ave., were each sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$40 when they appeared before City Court Judge Edward Everett.

The two women were seized by police, after allegedly looting a dozen downtown and Terre Haute shopping center stores, taking an assortment of merchandise from women's shoes to umbrellas.

The destruction of the old Union Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad was begun after the completion of the transfer of the ticket office and passenger waiting room facilities to the newly remodeled main building just west of the depot.

10 years ago this week...

Vigo County received \$381,504.97 from the spring property tax replacement fund.

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About 100.6 acres of the Tumpene property in the center of the Fort Harrison Industrial Park were offered to the city for \$625,000.

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History (5/14)
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1 s MAR 24 1985 50 years ago this week...

Employees from two Terre Haute facilities, Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co. and the Terre Haute House, set up picket lines after they walked out on their jobs.

The Terre Haute House strike started with the walk-out of about 150 employees while tentative meetings were in progress at the hotel. Employees who left their stations went to the labor temple for a meeting at which Virgil Hearst, president of the hotel workers organization, said that the cause of the walk-out was hours and wages.

Representatives of the Pick Hotels Inc., who had a lease on the Terre Haute House, came to Terre Haute to meet with the hotel workers to stall or prevent the strike.

The hotel strike was settled

three days after the walk-out, and the contract was signed at the local union hall.

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Educators in the industrial arts from all over Indiana gathered in Terre Haute for the fourth annual convention of the Industrial Education Association of Indiana to which ISTC and the Industrial Art Teachers of Terre Haute played host.

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Clarence Dowden, pilot and mechanic at Paul Cox Field suffered a severe gash in his head when he was struck by a propeller blade in preparation for flight.

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Chief of Police Lawrence Wheeler announced that the new state closing law for beer taverns should be in force starting March 30. The new law prohibited the selling of liquor and beer between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays and between 2 a.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday.

25 years ago this week...

The city board of redevelopment took the first steps to enter a new contract with the city planning association for the rehabilitation of the Southwest Project area.

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James William Marshall, and his son, Clifford, were killed in an early morning fire at their home at 730 S. Seventh St., West Terre Haute. Mrs. Marshall and three other children escaped injury.

10 years ago this week...

The future impact of the Wabash Valley Basin on the economic vitality of the state and nation was stressed repeatedly during the meeting of the Wabash Valley Association.

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A resolution to provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with full authority to request funds for continuing its study of the navigability of the Wabash River to Terre Haute was urged for passage by Sen. Vance Hartke.

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50 years ago this week...

Actions by the International Policy Committee of the United Mine Workers of America prevented a statewide strike of the more than 10,000 Indiana Union Coal Miners.

Jude Temco, president of the District 11, United Mine Workers of America, issued a statement instructing all local union members of this district to report for work under the provisions of the Tere Haute agreement at the option of the operators.

These instructions were signed by president Temco and by members of the district's executive board.

President Temco completed his term of office after the signing of the agreements and newly elected president Frank Barnhart took over the reigns of the office.

During the previous two years, in which Temco had served as president, there had been added to the working membership more than 2,000 employees. At the time he took office, only about 50 percent of the state was unionized; when Temco left office approximately 95 percent of Indiana's Coal Mines were operating on a union basis.

History (H) Tony Vicars, 318 Second Ave., lineman for Public Service Indiana was electrocuted while repairing company lines just in front of the Vigo County Infirmary.

☆☆☆ Terre Haute's new Federal Courtroom was formally dedicated with the opening of Supreme Court Division by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

☆☆☆ The Columbian Enameling and Stamping Plant was deserted with the exception of the custodian of the property. While company officials could not be reached for a statement, according to rumors, some workmen at the plant were told at the end of the last work week, their services would no longer be needed.

☆☆☆ Police suspected foul play while investigating the death of James M. Lutz, 722 South Sixth St., who died at home of a cerebral hemorrhage, resulting from a fractured skull.

☆☆☆ The alertness of a patrolman resulted in the arrest of John Steiner, self-confessed state safe cracker.

Steiner was charged with carrying a gun after being convicted of a felony and vagrancy. When

arrested, after considerable difficulty at Twenty-Fifth Street and Wabash Avenue, Steiner was found in possession of a fully loaded automatic pistol and a revolver, a quantity of nitroglycerine, dynamite caps, fuses, soap, extra ammunition for his guns, tools, flashlight and numerous other articles used in safe cracking.

25 years ago this week...

Vigo Superior Court Judge Harold Bitzegaio overruled the plea of abatement on the Vigo County Planning Commission case and ordered the defendant to file an answer to the complaint by April 11.

While Bitzegaio's decision was in favor of the planning commission's need to operate, it did not decide whether the commission was legal. The planning commission had filed a complaint against the county council and auditor for failure to provide operating funds for the commission.

Attorney for the County Council, Jerry D. Lewis, argued that a law suit should be dismissed on the basis that the area planning commission was not legal. He argued that the plea of abatement was not allowable when the commission was set up by County Commissioners and common county

council. ☆ ☆ ☆

Ray Falwell, night clerk of the Reed Hotel, 500 North 19th St., was held at gunpoint and robbed of an estimated \$27 in hotel receipts.

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A delegation of officers and directors of the Vigo County Chapter of the Wabash Valley Association appeared before the U.S. Public Works and Health Control Committee in Washington D.C., to request increased flood control funds for Vigo County and the entire Wabash Valley. ☆ ☆ ☆

Thomas H. Hurrow, 2142 Elm St., was killed instantly when the City Street Department truck he was driving was smashed broadside by a New York Central Railroad Passenger Train at a private road crossing near the Preston Tower Station.

10 years ago this week...

An estimated one-third of a million dollars was spent with Terre Haute merchants during the NCAA gymnastics Championship at ISU. ☆ ☆ ☆

In a three-hour meeting of the Vigo County School Board, attended by about 100 spectators, the board appropriated \$583,110 for additions and remodeling of Chauncey Rose, Sarah Scott and Woodrow Wilson Junior High Schools.

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50 years ago this week...

A special committee of civic leaders and local citizens met with Robert Mythen, union representative, to see what could be done about the Stahl-Urban Garment Workers Strike. On the committee were Rev. G.E. Francis, Centenary Church; Rabbi Taxay, Temple of Israel; and other citizens anxious to see the strike settled.

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Thomas C. Smith, former Justice of the Peace, was unanimously named by the Vigo County Commissioners as a new member of the County Alcohol and Beverage Board.

25 years ago this week...

The development of the city's southwest area came one step closer to reality when a resolution to begin the project reached the mayor's desk for signing, after it was passed unanimously at a special meeting of the city council. It was passed after a lengthy discussion in the city court room that was jammed with interested citizens, many of them in opposition to the plan.

If established, the city housing authority would determine the

housing needs and locate new housing units, and help relocate people displaced with the city's rehabilitation project.

Under the law it would be up to the mayor to appoint a five-man commission of citizens to carry out the work of immediate interest in the southwest project area the city has selected as the first phase in its redevelopment program. The project would be bounded on the north by Poplar Street, on the west by the Wabash River and First Street, on the south by Hulman Street and on the east by Fifth, much of which today contains Dreiser Square.

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Glenn L. Pitzer was named president of Viking Co., a division of Union Carbide Corp., by Howard S. Bunn, president. Pitzer replaced Howard R. Medici, who became chairman of the board.

10 years ago this week...

A three-car accident at U.S. 40 at East Glenn took the lives of Mrs. Donald Crory and two of the Crory children, 8-year-old Bobbie and 12-year-old Donald, and left the father in critical condition and another daughter, Penny, in serious condition.

The Crory vehicle was eastbound on U.S. 40 when another traveling west attempted a left turn onto Chamberlain Road.

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The Terre Haute Police investigated several major burglaries of private homes and businesses involving the theft of more than \$2,500 worth of goods. Among the things stolen in the various burglaries were radios, televisions, stereos, blank checks, mirrors, antique bottles, coin collections and several types of firearms.

In a concentrated effort to obtain increased federal funds for public works projects in Indiana and Southern Illinois, several members of the Wabash Valley Association testified before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in Washington. For the 16th year the WVA sought to emphasize the importance of water resource development in the Wabash Valley. High on the priority list of the WVA representatives was to seek funds to further the navigability study of the Wabash River to Terre Haute.

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City Court Judge Frank Crawford ruled that the \$24,990 confiscated by the Terre Haute Police Department on a drug-related arrest was subject to a lien filed by the Internal Revenue Service. The money had been the center of controversy between the police department, the IRS and Charles Stanley Jr., 1331 S. Eighth St. Stanley had been arrested for possession of a controlled substance, and the money was

confiscated at the time of his arrest. The police said the money should go into the general fund; Stanley claimed the money, saying the warrant contained no authority for confiscation of money; the IRS, the reason for Crawford's ruling, placed the lien on the money, saying Stanley owed it more than \$30,000 in back taxes.

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Two Terre Haute men were arraigned in Vigo County Circuit Court on preliminary charges of kidnapping and assault and battery with intent to commit a felony. Richard P. Barnett and John H. Straum were confined to the Vigo County Jail under \$100,000 bond each. The pair was arrested in the back yard of a southside residence after they allegedly attempted to kidnap a 17-year-old youth at gun point. A detective had gone to the southside residence to talk to the victim's sister. Stewart spotted the pair holding the juvenile at gun-point while at the residence.

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More than \$2,000 worth of guns was taken from the northside residence of Charles E. Hayes, 1616 N. 36th St. He reported his home broken into and about \$3,000 worth of items stolen, including 13 weapons, and an undetermined amount of scopes. The weapons included hand guns, shot guns, rifles and an air rifle.

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History (T-H)

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50 years ago this week...

Several changes in the city administration took place when Mayor Sam Beecher accepted the resignation of park superintendent Ben Van Borssen and assistant superintendents George Withrow and Clyde Cooper in an effort to cut expenses. The park department was placed under the direction of the street department with Frank Wey as its head.

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An agreement acceptable to both sides settled the dispute at Home Packing and Ice Co. The contract, which returned union members to their positions, was signed by Isaac

Powers, president of the company.

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The Public Service Commission of Indiana heard additional evidence on a petition filed under the administration of Mayor Wood Posey, who sought a reduction in telephone rates in Terre Haute in the section served by the Citizens Independent Telephone Co. Mayor Sam Beecher said he agreed with Posey's action and was determined to see it through.

25 years ago this week...

Edgar County Sheriff H. Toney Bishop notified local authorities that he was holding warrants issued for the arrest of four Terre Haute men, accused of kidnapping two men.

FBI officers joined a two-state alert for the four men and the automobile owned by one of the victims.

One of the victims told Edgar County authorities that they escaped from the men about six miles north of Paris on Illinois Route One, and claimed they were beaten by the men who were armed with knives.

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Mrs. Geneva Bohley, 1037 North Eighth St., asked for \$40,000 damages for alleged injuries in an escalator accident. The suit was filed in Superior Court against Meadows Shopping Center by attorneys Clelland J. Hammon and Earl McDowell, both of Rockville. Mrs. Bohley charged she was injured when an escalator stopped and then began moving again, catching her coat in the moving apparatus, causing her to fall, injuring her.

10 years ago this week...

Bob Hope presented a benefit performance on behalf of Schulte High School at Hulman Civic University Center. His last previous appearance in Terre Haute was during ISU's 1973 homecoming show.

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A bequest of nearly \$63,000 to benefit exceptional children, a program sponsored by the ISU art students, was received from the estate of the late Benjamin Blumberg, Terre Haute, by the ISU foundation.

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The former Concannon Junior High School was finally sold by the Vigo County School Corp. Board of Trustees to Stephen D. Page for \$14,401.

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Vigo County Prosecutor Kearns dealt with Marion County Prosecutor James F. Kelley concerning a state police report that triggered the suspension of eight excise policemen. Two of the eight officers were from the Terre Haute district and were among those suspended for allegedly consuming alcoholic beverages confiscated from outlets that had been damaged by fire. The eight officers were suspended for terms of five to 30 days without pay. Seven others were reprimanded for their involvement in the confiscation.

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The board of sanitary commissioners for the sanitary district of Terre Haute was cleared for the issuance of bonds amounting to about \$300,000 to complete

Thompson Ditch.

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The joint investigation of the robbery of the Merchant's National Bank, 701 Wabash Avenue, was conducted by the Terre Haute Police Department and the FBI. According to reports, officials looked for two black male subjects who left the scene in a 1969 Maroon Oldsmobile with a black vinyl top. Less than \$1,000 was taken from the bank, just 20 minutes before closing time.

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Chief of Police James Swift protested Gov. Otis Bowen's veto of the police and fireman's collective bargaining bill as passed by the 1975 Indiana General Assembly. Swift charged Bowen with cheap political talk, as he had already expressed approval for the collective bargaining measure.

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History (TH)

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50 years ago this week...

Mrs. Hattie Nickless, West Terre Haute, died at Union Hospital from injuries and burns sustained when a kerosene stove she was filling exploded and threw kerosene and fire all over her body.

In another accident, Mrs. Athard Wilson, 1930 Spruce St., was severely burned in an explosion at her home. She was cleaning gloves with naphtha when the fumes from the fluid caught fire, causing the explosion.

25 years ago this week...

A total of \$467,382 was received by the city from the state as its spring share of highway taxes.

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Defendants Leo Shaffer and James Horwick, Chicago, Phillip Shirr and Irwin Gordon, Las Vegas, James Tanner, Miami and Edward Wyatt, Terre Haute, six syndicate gamblers, were arrested and convicted in the Terre Haute U.S. District Court of evading payment for some \$326,000 in income taxes.

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There was no change in the status of Terre Haute as the home terminal for the Pennsylvania Railroad crews, at least for the next five years, according to an agree-

ment reached by the railroad and two of the operating employees' organizations: The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. The agreement provided that Terre Haute would continue to be the home terminal of the three freight crews, the yard and local freight service crews and some passenger train crews.

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Gerry Shea, local seismologist, reported the United States seismograph in his charge recorded a 7.9 and 8.2 on the Richter scale. His machine recorded two shocks, one 5,000 miles away and another 7,000 miles away. The second one was by far the greater intensity. By comparison, the earthquake in

1969 in the Yellowstone area registered 7.8. The famous San Franciscan earthquake, in the early part of this century, registered 7.6.

10 years ago this week...

Quick work by the Terre Haute Police Department resulted in the recovery of nearly \$3,800 worth of rings stolen from a local jewelry store and the arrest of an Indianapolis man who allegedly took the rings. Arrested in connection with the theft at Hillman Jewelry, 612 Wabash Ave., was Milard W. Heyden, Indianapolis.

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The administrative office of the Collegiate Consortium of Western Indiana was established at the ISU Campus Conference Center. The

consortium was composed of ISU, Indiana Vocational Technical Institute, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, Wabash College and DePauw University.

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Mayor William G. Brighton received the mayor's award from the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, and became the first mayor to receive the award twice. The award was given to a mayor who had shown concern about delinquency and a supporter of law and order.

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The Indiana Senate sustained Gov. Otis Bowen's veto of a bill that would have allowed parimutuel betting by a vote of 26-24 during the General Assembly's closing session.

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50 years ago this week...

Everyone with a one- or two-party telephone line received a surprise with the May bill: a 75-cent check from the Citizen's Independent Telephone Co.

An order was received by the company from the Public Service Commission to reduce the rental charge on the one-and-two-party class services by 25 cents per month, retroactive to Feb. 1, 1935.

Announcement of the resignation of the city comptroller, Clem Richards, was made by Mayor Sam Beecher. At the same time Beecher announced the appointment of William Norcross as Richard's replacement.

Burglars entered the Wright Drugstore, 18th Street and Wabash Avenue, where they attempted to open a safe by knocking off the combination. After failing in this attempt, they left the store after taking 10 cartons of cigarettes.

Burglars entered the Paitson Brothers Hardware Store, 12th Street and Wabash Avenue and removed \$129 in cash from the cash register.

25 years ago this week...

The condition of some buildings in the downtown business district offered the possibility of securing \$3 million in urban renewal funds on a \$2-for-every-\$1-spent ratio as a result of Indiana State Teachers College's \$1,500,000 expansion.

The county welfare department took steps in circuit court to take custody of nine children from their parents after their father was

charged with making improper advances on his 15-year-old daughter. The father had been charged earlier the same week with public intoxication, and Circuit Judge Edward S. Everett had placed him under \$1,000 bond. The mother was charged with child neglect. The nine children ranged in ages from less than one year to 16.

Edward Parker, a local astronomer who maintained an observatory in his residence, and the Terre Haute astronomical society and its affiliated moon watch team were cited for reported observations of the March 13, 1960, lunar eclipse. The May issue of *Sky and Telescope*, published by the Harvard College observatory, noted the work of the local society and team and carried a detailed report of Parker's account.

10 years ago this week...

A \$2 million damage suit was filed in Vigo Superior Court in behalf of a 9-month-old baby, in connection with a car-truck accident at the intersection of Indiana 46 and 42.

Defendants were Scott C. Sherman, Fair Haven, Mass.; S & S Motor Freight, Ft. Wayne, Alabama; and the State of Indiana in care of Richard Bane, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

In the damage suit, Phillip Simmons, Route 2, Brazil, sought \$2 million for injuries to his son, Robert D., who was hurt in the accident.

The accident occurred when the vehicle driven westbound on 42, by the infant's mother, Sue Ellen Simmons, was struck by Sherman's truck, which was headed north on 46. Sherman was later arrested by Indiana State Police and charged with reckless driving.

The infant's mother later died of massive head injuries, and another son, David, 3, also was injured.

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50 years ago this week...

The City Council met with Mayor Sam Beecher to make plans for funding a new City Hall and purchase of additional land behind the present city hall. Beecher said construction costs for the new city hall would be approximately \$214,000 and the land an additional \$40,000.

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Although their plane's landing gear was demolished and the propeller splintered, two local

aviators were uninjured when they were forced down shortly after takeoff from Paul Cox Field. The plane had gained an altitude of about 200 feet when the motor died.

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25 years ago this week...

A "family burglary" ring arrested during a Maple Avenue School break-in cleared up at least a dozen other local burglaries. Four persons were convicted in Vigo County Circuit Court.

10 years ago this week...

Terre Haute police expected to

make several more arrests in a drug raid that resulted in the arrests of 13 persons. The police department prepared 69 warrants on charges against 37 persons, and charges against 32 other persons were approved by the prosecutor.

Chief of Police James Swift explained that many of the subjects with warrants against them were students and the officers were having trouble finding them.

Swift said some of the students had finished their finals and had gone home, and others were out celebrating the end of finals.

The warrants for the students having already left the city were

sent to their hometowns, where the students were to be picked up and returned to Terre Haute.

The warrants for arrest included possession of a controlled substance, delivery of a controlled substance and conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance. The controlled substances the arrests were made for included marijuana, hash, cocaine and speed.

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The Terre Haute Water Works Co. and its fully owned subsidiary, Sullivan Water Co., filed a joint petition requesting the authority and approval of the Public Service Commission of Indiana to merge the two firms.

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50 years ago this week...

Charles Wallace, Marion Heights, was instantly killed at Seventh Street and Davis Avenue when he was struck and knocked down by a passing automobile. Wallace was taken to St. Anthony Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

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Terre Haute police said they regarded as "hot" the report that Thomas H. Robinson Jr., credited with the kidnapping of a Louisville, Ky., woman in September, was seen disguised as a woman traveling in an automobile with two men. An employee of a tourist camp 6½ miles east of Brazil, reported to local police a man resembling Robinson had left the camp after eating lunch and headed west on U.S. 40.

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Burglars operating in the city looted several offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Sixth and Cherry streets, and the school administration building at 6½ and Walnut streets and some of the rooms at Wiley High School. The burglars reportedly had opened or tried to open a total of eight safes and five filing cabinets by knocking off combination locks and tampering with mechanisms. Four of the safes and two of the cabinets forced open were in the school administration building.

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25 years ago this week...

A \$34,877 contract for the in-

stallation of the Instrument Landing System at Hulman Field was let by Federal Aviation Agency Region Three Headquarters in Kansas City. The Trenton Act Construction and Engineering Co., Ganisboro, N.C., was awarded the contract for the installation of the high-intensity approach light system, installation of the sequence flashing lights and all allied work.

10 years ago this week...

After a delay of nearly two years, final arrangements were made by the city with the Ivy Hill Packaging firm for the sale of the property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park for the establishment of a multi-million dollar packaging and record jacket plant, according to Mayor William J. Brighton and Ivy Hill Packaging Vice President Herb Freedman.

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Precision flying, such as exemplified by the U.S.A.F. Thunderbird Squadron, takes clear thinking and physical skill. So it wasn't surprising that the U.S.A.F. specialists and their hosts, the Indiana Air National Guard based at Hulman Field, were glad to make an appearance to boost the fortunes of mental health. One measure of that assistance to mental health locally took the form of honor inspectors to the officials of the Vigo County Mental Health Association who participated in a ground display and inspection of the Thunderbirds show presented at Hulman Field to a crowd estimated at more than 20,000.

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50 years ago this week...

Two bandits held up the J.C. Penney store, 654 Wabash Ave., and forced manager E.L. Bland to turn over to them between \$25 and \$35 in pennies.

A larger sum of money had been placed in the night box at the Terre Haute First National Bank and Trust Co. a short while before the robbery.

The manager was sitting in the shoe department when the bandits came up from the basement and held a gun on him and said they wanted the money in the office.

They forced Bland to accompany them to the office and turn the money over to them.

After getting the money they made their exit through a rear door and entered the alley at the rear of the store. It was not known if they made their escape on foot or if they had a car parked nearby.

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Phillip Zoercher, chairman of the state tax board, decided in favor of the city in a hearing on a remonstrance over issuance of \$100,000 refunding bond and to retire that amount of an issue of 4½ percent bonds, issued May 1, 1934.

25 years ago this week...

A search for Gerald Clinton Prince, Evansville, who escaped from the Indiana State Penal Farm

at Putnamville, was continued by state and local police.

Meanwhile a car which Prince allegedly stole from a student at Rose Polytechnic Institute was found at the rear of a tavern at 25th and Hulman streets.

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Juvenile authorities questioned two teen-age boys who police said had admitted to turning in bomb threats at Sarah Scott Junior High School.

Detectives said the boys, 16 and 17, were spotted lurking around the school during an alarm. After being apprehended, the boys were questioned by police, then jailed.

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The Indiana Public Service Commission granted an annual increase of \$1,993,581 to General

Telephone Co. of Indiana.

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City Police Sgt. Charles Whitehouse was reported in fair condition at St. Anthony Hospital following a fire at his home, 1307 S. Seventh St. Mrs. Whitehouse told authorities she was awakened by her husband's call for help and found the house full of smoke. Whitehouse had apparently awakened suddenly in the smoke-filled upstairs bedroom and was unable to find the exit.

10 years ago this week...

The search for the Fountain of Youth continued in the work of a young Terre Haute area woman at ISU.

Eldonna Ruth Summers didn't really set out to succeed where Ponce de Leon failed but her choice

of biochemistry as her field of work could lead in that direction and at the same time add many years to her own opportunity for research in the pursuit of answers to other mysteries of life.

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The Notre Dame man of the year award was presented to Forrest Sherer, founder of the Sherer Insurance Agency Inc., during a special meeting of the Notre Dame Club of Terre Haute.

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She started with a desire to help children, a great deal of faith, an empty pocketbook and from that she created the beginning of a program in Terre Haute to teach the educable mentally retarded that developed into an extensive

countywide effort.

"It began in Terre Haute in 1969, and I really didn't know what to do," noted Sister Brendon. "I was walking around without anything in my pocket and I went into a real estate office, told them I needed a classroom to teach the mentally retarded.

"They said, 'How about the top story of the Junior Achievement Building' and from that the Cara School began," said Sister Brendon.

This was in 1969 and from those humble beginnings Sister Brendon launched the first pre-school for educably mentally retarded. The Cara school later moved to the basement of St. Patrick's Church. To gain increased federal funding for programs it was consolidated under the Katherin Hamilton Mental Health Center in 1972.

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50 years ago this week...

Jonas Straus, 90, Terre Haute pioneer businessman and a well-known citizen, died at his residence, 706 S. Fifth St. Straus was German-born, and lived in Pittsburgh when he first came to the United States. He moved to Terre Haute in 1868.

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A suspension of all work in all union mines was ordered by union officials until disputes over wages and working conditions could be settled.

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A controversy over the purchase of 500 new police badges and the heavy use of gasoline by the city

police was the main topic of discussion at a city council meeting. One councilman asked where the badges had been purchased and stated he intended to call all the badges in and to make a new listing of the badge numbers, and the names of the officers assigned to the numbers. The council president stated he intended to form a new committee to find ways to cut down on the gasoline consumption.

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Gov. Paul McNutt appointed Grover Garrott, Frankfort, and George Evelo, Terre Haute, new inspectors for the Indiana Public Service Commission.

25 years ago this week...

Master Sgt. Oran A. Ravellette, Terre Haute National Guardsman, was killed en route to Camp Atterbury for maneuvers when he

was struck by a passing automobile. Ravellette had been ordered to stay behind and fix a truck that had broken down. He was directing the rest of the convoy around the disabled vehicle when he was killed.

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Max W. Apple, 13, 444 S. 13th St., drowned while swimming in Grimes Fishing Lake, 10 miles southwest of Paoli.

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The lower downtown Chevrolet bid on four new sheriff's cars was passed over in favor of a slightly higher bid by Dodge on the recommendation of Sheriff Herb Beasley, who said the heavier built cars had, in the past, proved safer and more economical to maintain.

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Terre Haute was named one of three Hoosier communities included in the 91 nationwide "worst-

off" economic areas in the country.

10 years ago this week...

The Federal Strip Mining Bill would have no negative effect on Hoosier mining, Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., said.

Bayh said the proposal would cause more prudent operation of mines in other states and that since Indiana strip mine requirements were higher than those in the federal Bill, no adverse effect would result in the Hoosier State.

Bayh said he had voted for the measure originally and he would vote to override President Ford's veto of the bill.

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The second annual Banks of the Wabash Festival served a two-fold purpose, in that it dedicated the new Vigo County Park, Prairie Creek Park, and kicked off festivities for Park and Recreational day.

Looking back at the week ahead... History (TH)

By Helen June Gorrell
Special to The Tribune-Star

1st JUN 9 1985 50 years ago this week...

The Oscar Hatfield home, 2425 Second Ave., suffered \$2,700 damage from a fire that started from flying sparks from the fireplace.

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Terre Haute welcomed Indiana's heroes of World War I as delegates to the 14th annual encampment of Indiana's department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

25 years ago this week...

Lt. Com. Elden C. Tipton, and his wife of Santiago, Chile, met with a group of concerned citizens at the Deming Hotel to discuss local plans for aid to Chilean earthquake victims.

The Tiptons stressed that America's generosity toward Chile, now in time of need, would score a tremendous diplomatic victory.

Mr. Tipton said, "Our diplomats' money could not buy what this

charity will do."

It was decided that June 19 be set aside for church collections for Chilean Relief, and the Red Cross would be in charge of printing collection envelopes.

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A flurry of excitement was coursed at Hulman Field when a B-47 jet bomber landed after circling the airport for some time. The huge six-engine jet, piloted by Maj. Ricard D. Snyder, attracted wide attention because of the approach parachute which trailed behind it. Snyder said the parachute acts as an air brake with which to slow the jet's speed.

Snyder circled the field many times in an attempt to exhaust the fuel supply and brought the plane in for what was described by various onlookers as a perfect landing. Crash equipment was standing by.

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Circuit Court Judge Joe W. Loudermilk, Sullivan, was named special judge for the area planning suit in Superior Court.

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Terre Haute's Union Station

became a thing of the past. The last vestige of the 65-year-old landmark disappeared on June 15, 1960, when workmen dynamited the 154-foot tower of the once stately station and left only a 100-foot high pile of rubble, 2,000 tons of brick and stone.

10 years ago this week...

An overpass over the main lines of the Penn Central Railroad on Fort Harrison Road was constructed as part of the four-laning project of Fort Harrison Road. The overpass was constructed at the Preston crossing near the Visqueen plant.

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The Terre Haute City Council approved the sale of \$225,000 worth of property in the Fort Harrison Industrial Park.

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ISU Board of Trustees approved a \$47,608,938 budget for the Terre Haute and Evansville campuses and entered a proposed lease agreement which would permit Sheldon Swope Art Gallery to use university property as the site for a new gallery facility.

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Looking back at the week ahead... History (TH)

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50 years ago this week...

Order was restored at the Columbian Enamel and Stamping Plant after strike sympathizers wrecked the company's interior offices.

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Forty planes of various types and sizes, carrying pilots and guest passengers left French Lick, stopped in Vincennes and Sullivan and landed at Paul Cox Field for an overnight rest and staged a stunt flying show that was free to the public.

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About 300 coal mine owners, superintendents and others connected with coal mining met at the Elks Fort Harrison County Club for the annual meeting of the Indiana Coal Mining Institute.

25 years ago this week...

Charles Wesley Smithson, on probation from the Ohio State Prison, after serving 24 years of a life sentence for murdering his wife was arrested in connection with the brutal beating of Clarence and Lucy Kirchner, 225 S. Fifth St.

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Mayor Ralph Tucker, prosecutor Ralph Berry and John Haley were named delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

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Mrs. Clyde Nattkemper was named executive director and Mrs. Oliver Lee as director of the Health Physical Education Recreation during the board meeting of the YWCA.

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The American Cancer Society awarded a Clynical Fellowship to Dr. Charles H. Aust in order for him to continue his research for a cure for cancer.

10 years ago this week...

John Byron Coffle was arrested on a Phoenix, Ariz., warrant for the alleged rape and murder of an 11-year-old girl in Phoenix. Bond was set at \$250,000 by C. Joseph Anderson. Coffle was held in the Vigo County Jail in lieu of the bond

pending extradition to Arizona.

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The sale of \$3.5 million bonds for the Southeast Drainage Project (Thompson Ditch) cleared the way for the start of the construction of the ditch.

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John L. Feier, Staunton, was killed instantly and Ronald B. Jones was seriously injured when the car driven by Jones ran into the rear of a semi-trailer just north of Third and Voorhees streets.

Herbert A. Christian, Steubenville, Ohio, driver of the semi, told police he was driving across the railroad tracks at about 20 miles per hour when he heard a crash, and hadn't even realized he had been hit until he looked in his rear view mirror.

Looking back at the week ahead...

Fri JUN 25 1985

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50 years ago this week...

Two bandits robbed the manager of Oakley Drug Store of \$182 in cash. The manager had just left the store with the day's receipts when he was robbed.

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The strike at Hulman Wholesale Co. ended when S.E. O'Connor, commissioner of U.S. Department of Labor, announced that company officials and the members of the union reached an agreement on a contract governing hours and working conditions.

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William Connett, 26th Street and Third Avenue, was killed instantly by a westbound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train while walking along the right-of-way near 23rd Street.

25 years ago this week...

An electric storm struck Terre Haute causing widespread damage to roofs, trees and houses, and endangered the lives of at least five people, who escaped with minor

injuries. Most severe damage was reported in the area around Roselawn Memorial Cemetery. Some 3,000 telephones were out of order, and much of the city was without lights.

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A 15-year-old's cruise down the Wabash River in a canoe was ended by the Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

Described as just a big healthy boy with a yen for the outdoors, he was identified as Max Mimmeran of Urbana, Ill. An alert to watch for the lone traveler was sent by his parents, after Max called his parents from Danville, Ill., and said he was about to embark in a canoe. ISU student Marcia Stephens, 1103 N. Eighth St., spotted the youth shortly after hearing the report on the radio. Stephens had been collecting material for a biology class on the river bank when she spotted the boy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Pfrank, 822 S. 23rd St., were aboard the cruise ship, *N. American*, when it ran aground on a sand bar during a storm enroute from Chicago to Montreal. The Pfranks left the ship when it could not move from the

sand bar some 200 feet from shore and went on the Harrisburg, Pa., to visit relatives.

10 years ago this week...

Hanning and Associates, (Marsh Inc.), were selected to build the new \$400,000 YWCA building in Fairbanks Park.

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A fire at the Ralph Mills Little League Ball Park, owned and operated by the Evening Optimist Club, destroyed the grandstand. Paul Goss, Evening Optimist Club vice president, said the stands were insured for \$2,000 but it would cost \$5,000 to replace them. Arson was suspected as the cause of the fire.

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No new gas customers were accepted by the Terre Haute Gas Corp. and gas heating conversions were prohibited in an effort to ease the energy shortage.

The restrictions and expanded usage of natural gas discontinued the attachment of new customers to the system, banned gas heating conversions and affected all new construction for all residential, commercial and industrial classifications.

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50 years ago this week...

Robert Day, captain of fire company No. 3, 950 Lafayette Ave. and veteran member of the Terre Haute Fire Department, was killed when he fell through the pole well at the station.

Day was found on the floor at the foot of the pole by firefighters Ollie Reed and William Dusten.

It was believed Day had heard a noise on the first floor and had gone to the pole to investigate and as he grasped the pole to look below lost his balance and fell. Death was listed as accidental due to a fractured skull sustained in the fall.

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John Jenkins, West Terre Haute, was killed instantly at Izaak Walton Lake swimming beach when he fell while inserting a new light bulb at the top of a light pole on the beach. It was believed that Jenkins was shocked while inserting the bulb, causing him to lose his balance and fall.

25 years ago this week...

A \$100,000 appropriation for

work on a West Terre Haute Levee was added by the Senate Appropriations Committee to a House-approved flood control measure, which also contained a \$15,000 appropriation for designs for the Sugar Creek Levee.

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10 years ago this week

The Vigo County Commissioners announced that a new not-for-profit corporation, Vigo County CETA Inc., had been designated to continue the comprehensive employment training act of 1973 program for another 90 days, until the necessary steps could be taken to make the corporation part of county government.

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The Vigo County Home received additional funding from ARCH, (Assistance to Residents of County Homes), distributed by the Indiana State Department of Public Welfare.

The emergency county home legislation was passed by the 1985 General Assembly and was necessitated by the sudden withdrawal of federally administered Supplemental Security Income, benefits to persons residing in county homes. Seven such persons were affected at the Vigo County Home.

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50 years ago this week...

Two prisoners, Lowell Williams, Bloomington, and Ernest Grigsby, Jasonville, who escaped from the Washington jail, stole two automobiles and kidnapped three people. They were captured later the same day at the home of Pearl Evans, 510 Mulberry St.

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The former Hulman School building and grounds, located at Seventh and Swan Streets, were sold to the Mid Continental Petroleum Corporation for \$10,000.

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George C. Moore, 42, 1128 N. 10th St., employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was electrocuted while operating an electric crane in the shop at the east yards.

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James Walker, 465 N. Second St., was killed at 21st and Osberne Streets, when he fell beneath the wheels of a combination truck and trailer, which was loaded with 10 tons of brick.

The Indiana Supreme Court reversed the first-degree murder conviction of Thomas L. Whitaker and he was returned to Terre Haute for a new trial.

Whitaker had been convicted of the slaying of his daughter, Regina. There were also charges pending on the slaying of his ex-wife, Alma Martin, and their son, Jack. Whitaker was given the death penalty. He had already been denied a retrial by the Vigo County court.

The Supreme Court decision held that two errors were committed by the local court. It ruled Whitaker should be tried again because Judge Herbert R. Criss "erred in permitting the jury to separate during the course of the trial and before a verdict was returned, over the objections of the defense attorney."

Also that the prosecutor failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Whitaker was sane at the time of the killings.

Whitaker had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

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Terre Haute Housing Authority

received the green light from the Public Housing Administration to plan the construction of a 500-unit, low-rent housing project.

10 years ago this week

Mayor William Brighton announced that all preliminary business had been taken care of for the reopening of First Street and bids on the estimated \$165,000 project were coming in. The project was to widen the street, both lanes, complete resurfacing and relocation of the existing sewer line.

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Michael Bailey, 30, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of William Sheets of Terre Haute when he escaped from custody at the Michigan City Prison, was recaptured by Indiana State Police Detective Sgt. Robert Fox and was returned to the Michigan City facilities.

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On behalf of the Oakley Foundation, Mrs. John G. Schmidt, foundation president, announced a grant of more than \$67,000 to Union Hospital for the acquisition of the most modern breast cancer detection equipment available.

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50 years ago this week...

Raymond E. Vaughn, former Terre Haute resident, was admitted to St. Anthony Hospital, suffering from injuries sustained when the plane he was flying fell in a field near Marshall, Ill.

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More than 150 boy and girl Tribune-Star carriers left on a 600-mile trip, following the beautiful shores of Lake Erie from Cleveland, Ohio, to Buffalo, N.Y., and Niagara Falls.

25 years ago this week...

A 16-year-old girl, who bore the marks of having been beaten, was found in a northside apartment by police who were summoned in response to her screams and cries.

Officers said the girl stated she was beaten by her employer because she refused to have relations with men he sent to her apartment.

She admitted having had sex with other men her employer had sent to her apartment. She had been paid for the acts but her employer took the money, she told police.

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The collision of two cars and an oil-loaded tractor-trailer at the West Terre Haute "Y" grade on U.S. 40, plunged the truck into flames but miraculously dealt only minor injuries to five of the seven people involved.

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Terre Haute and Vigo County citizens received polio shots and boosters shots for a nominal fee of \$1, courtesy of the Pfizer Co. and the Pittman Moore Co.

10 years ago this month

The Dixie Bee Highway Federation, a group formed to pursue a multi-laned U.S. 41 from Evansville to Chicago, realized its dream when the final four-lane section of U.S. 41 between Terre Haute and Evansville was opened.

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Up to 350 tons of paper were produced each day in Terre Haute when the Inland Container Corp. recycled corrugating medium mill opened in mid-July.

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Indiana State University awarded honorary degrees to Alfred B. Guthrie Jr., Indiana-born author and 1930 Pulitzer Prize winner for distinguished fiction; Dr. William R. Kendall, ISU alumnus and retired associate dean of the Division of General and Technical Studies.; and Dr. John J. Pruis, Ball State University president.

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50 years ago this week...

A sympathy strike sponsored by about 40 local unions, but not sanctioned by the Central Labor Union, was ushered in as a protest against the importation of alleged strike breakers at the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Plant where a strike had been in progress since March 23.

All means of public transportation were halted; members of the

Preservation focus of Thursday meeting

Lois Harris, archivist for the Vigo County Public Library, will be the guest speaker when the Wabash Valley Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the special collections room of the library.

Harris, author of "From the Archives" for The Tribune-Star, will demonstrate and explain the care and preservation of documents.

Teamsters Union, operating bread, milk and ice trucks, quit; gasoline stations shut down; barber shops closed; unionized restaurants closed, and practically all the city's major industries walked out.

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Raids by state excise officers resulted in the arrest of 23 persons including the proprietors of establishments where liquor was being sold illegally, and their customers.

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Physicians expressed the opinion that the death of Phoebe Laney, Lyford, and her 8-year-old son Wayne was not from ptomaine poisoning but from malignant malaria!

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25 years ago this week ...

The Vigo County schools proposed plan for reorganization of the 12 city and county school corporations into one unit was approved and representatives on the new board to be elected as follows; three members from the city of Terre Haute; one to represent Sugar Creek and Fayette Township; one Otter Creek; and Nevins; one Lost Creek; Riley and

Pierson Townships; and one Honey Creek, Prairie Creek, Prairieton and Linton Townships.

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Mildred Mae Tinsley, 1173 College Ave., and Kenneth Redmon, 2043 N. 20th St., drowned in a gravel pit at Fruitridge and Haythorne avenues. Aaron Johnson, 213 N. 2nd St., also at the pit, said he saw the two victims wading near the west bank when suddenly they disappeared under the water and never surfaced.

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Dr. Hubert Cusick, 10 Fort Harrison Parkway, was elected by representatives of the Democratic Party to fill the vacancy on the ballot for state senator that was created by the death of Walter H. Maehling.

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10 years ago this week ...

The city buses instituted the half fair, still used today for senior citizens and handicapped persons. This was done as a prerequisite for the city to receive a mass transportation grant from the Department of Transportation in Washington D.C.

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50 years ago this week...

In wake of the general strike, more than 300 businessmen and women of Terre Haute gathered at the Deming Hotel and voted unanimously for the establishment of policies to "restore and maintain law and order" in Terre Haute and Vigo County and to prevent the recurrence of the shutdown of businesses by strike sympathizers.

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Leland Randall declared that a simple can of peas is a dangerous weapon and asked for \$5,000 in damages for injuries inflicted on him by Joseph H. Carter. Randall said Carter struck him on the head with a can of peas, inflicting a 3-inch flesh wound and partly severing his left ear.

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Arthur Rogers, 118 Cruft St., was killed at Niles, Mich., when he was struck by a train. Rogers and George Cole, 459 N. Second St., had gone to Michigan to look for work.

25 years ago this week...

An annual progress report on traffic safety prepared by the National Safety Council, commended Terre Haute for its interest in traffic safety and cooperation with the officials. The report said the strongest area of the local program is School Traffic Safety Education and that the traffic fatalities had been considerably less than the previous year.

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James M. Gossem, former mayor of Terre Haute, died at his home, 1007 N. Ninth St. He was 85. Gossem was a native of Kentucky and came to Terre Haute in the early 1900s. As city controller in 1915, he succeeded the late Donn M. Roberts as mayor, serving 1915-17.

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Two mud spattered, desheveled

escapees from the U.S. Penitentiary stumbled out of a cornfield and surrendered meekly to city detectives John O'Leary and Bill Gundlach, just 2½ hours after walking away from a garden detail. The convicts were identified as Glen A. Dague, Decatur, Ind., and Curt Robertsen, Denver, Colo.

10 years ago this week...

The National Fitness Week for 1975 was observed in Terre Haute with the administering of physical fitness tests as part of the summer recreation program in the city neighborhood parks.

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Barbara Ann Lowdermilk was chosen as the Vigo County Fair Queen for 1975, with the grand opening of the 46th annual fair. Lowdermilk was crowned by Kim Ann Perkins, 1974 Queen.

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Ground was finally broken to mark the beginning of construction on the long-delayed South-East Drainage Project. The \$3.5 million flood control project of the Terre Haute Board of Sanitation (formerly called Thompson's Ditch) was to be completed in two years.

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The Vigo County School Corp. board of trustees awarded bid for remodeling projects at three local junior high schools. Sarah Scott, Woodrow Wilson, and Chauncey Rose.

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The Vigo County Council unanimously approved Sheriff Ted Melvin's request for 12 take-home patrol cars for deputies and the spending of \$11,000 for remodeling the Food Stamp Office. The council rejected Treasurer George Schoffstall's \$16,500 appropriation for extra help and office supplies, as well as the county commissioners request for \$15,000 for courthouse remodeling for the new court system.

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50 years ago this week...

Six Work Progress Administration Projects were started in Vigo County, employing 151 men and women.

The projects include: Painting and improvement of the courthouse; improvement and repairs of Sugar Creek Township schools; improvement and repairs at ISTC; repair and catalogue work in the school libraries; book repairs and mending activities at the Fairbanks library; and rebuilding and regravelling of unpaved city streets.

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The West Terre Haute Community Store Inc., owned and operated by Farrell and Steiner, was burglarized, the safe cracked and \$800 in cash and checks were taken.

25 years ago this week...

Ella Mae Mobley, after serving 13 years of a life sentence, was granted clemency by Governor Handley, on the grounds that she had rehabilitated herself for return to society and had employment awaiting her. Mobley hoped to find a new life in the world of art, an interest she gained while taking a correspondence course in art while in prison. The job awaiting her was an assistant to an art instructor.

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A search was underway for Kendall Faulk, inmate of the Terre Haute Federal Penitentiary, who disappeared from his farm detail dormitory while serving time for auto theft and parole violations.

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Charred benches and tables were the only visible remains of a Vigo County Fair Pizza Pie Concession tent that burned down. The multi-colored, striped tent was owned by the Terre Haute Tent and Awning and was valued at \$600.

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50 years ago this week...

Forest Poland of Route 3 Terre Haute and the horse he was riding, were killed when a bolt of lightning struck them during an electrical storm, about ½ mile from his home on the farm owned by Virgil Streator.

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The \$125,397 fund granted the city for work projects in the parks was used to improve existing roads; construction of new roads; new picnic ovens; installation of drinking fountains; construction of two sunken gardens, one at Fairbanks and one at Memorial Park; new sidewalks; new greens at Rea Park and Memorial Stadium; tennis courts; installation of floodlights; new playground equipment and installation of electric lights in all parks where they were needed.

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A tentative city budget for 1936 levying a tax of \$1,786 and an increase of 44 cents over 1935 was introduced in the city council meeting, but action was deferred for the next meeting.

25 years ago this week...

Mayor Ralph Tucker said in reply to action of the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board that urged the city to abate pollution of area waterways: "The city of Terre Haute was surprised by a news story that the state Board of Health had referred to the city's proposed sewage plant to the Indiana Attorney General for appropriate action. The City of Terre Haute has taken every action possible as requested by the state Board of Health for the past 15 years and would continue to comply with their specifications."

10 years ago this week...

City and county officials appeared before the Public Service Commission in Indianapolis to oppose a request for a 28-percent rate hike by Public Service of Indiana. Mayor William Brighton and Vigo County Commissioners Harry P. Brentlinger and John S. Scott represented the local governments.

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A 29-cent cut in the city tax rate for 1976 was announced by Mayor William Brighton when he disclosed his proposed 1976 budget at the city council meeting. It was the third year in a row that the city taxes had been cut.

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50 years ago this week...

Labeling as baseless the charge that an attempted "shake down" of employers was a prelude to the Terre Haute general strike, T.N. Naylor, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, demanded an expose of alleged labor racketeers.

The challenge by Naylor was in reply to a Chicago Tribune story in which Dr. R. Clyde White, federal consiliatory, was quoted as saying, "labor leaders, had turned to the 'shake-down' in an effort to pay off a mortgage on the Labor Temple."

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The County Council adopted a bond ordinance for \$137,000 to raise money for poor relief for the remainder of 1935.

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Mary Ann Francis, 9, of 3000 S. Sixth St., and Dick Sleck, 10, of 2819 S. Sixth St., narrowly escaped death, when a pipeline ditch in which they were walking caved in on them.

Francis was completely covered with dirt and had to be dug out by neighbors who had heard the children's cries. Sleck was only partially covered and easily rescued.

25 years ago this week...

Pilots and observers of the Terre Haute Civil Air Patrol Squadron continued to aid in the statewide search for an Oklahoma City, Okla., businessman and his family who had been missing four days since their take-off from Teterboro, N.J. The local CAP was part of the 22-state search team, and covered the area from Marion County west to the Illinois state line.

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The Terre Haute City School Board approved a \$4.033 school tax

rate for 1961, as proposed in the budget of Supt. Max P. Gabbart. That was a 20.6 cent increase over 1960.

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Members of the Terre Haute City Council approved the 1961 Civil City Budget that called for an increase of 42 cents in the tax levy. The new levy was pegged at \$2.89 per \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of \$.4188 over 1960.

10 years ago this week...

Mayor William Brighton told members of the Rotary Club that the future of Terre Haute looked brighter than it had in many years. "Terre Haute is enjoying the greatest economic boom that it has had in 50 years. We should look to a brighter future and not go back to what the city was in the '60s, nickpicking on issues that didn't amount to much." He also pointed out that there would be about \$70 million capital investment in the city by the end of the year.

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Mayor Brighton also announced the city could oppose the Terre Haute Gas Corp.'s request for a 15-percent rate increase and request the Indiana Public Service Commission hearing on the rate increase be conducted at the Terre Haute City Hall where the people being affected by the proposal could attend and voice their protests.

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A search got underway for a man who made off with more than \$5,000 in a bomb threat/robbery of the Seelyville branch of the Terre Haute First National Bank. The bomb, which turned out to be fake, was evidently concealed in the pocket of the lone bandit who walked into the bank, asked to cash an out-of-state check and was referred to the manager. After a few minutes alone with the man, the thief and manager came into the main part of the bank where the robbery was committed.

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50 years ago this week...

Power Haapgood, Indianapolis socialist party leader and former candidate for governor of Indiana, was arrested by Sheriff William Baker and held at the Vigo County Jail for the military authorities on orders from Maj. E. E. Wilmar, who was in charge of the Terre Haute situation under Gov. McNutt's martial law proclamation.

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Norman Thomas, New York, head of the U.S. Socialist Party, addressed a mass meeting at the courthouse in protest of the continuation of martial law in Vigo County and the alleged suppression of "free speech" by the military authority.

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Robert Murray, 626 Fourth Ave., died as a result of injuries sustained during a slate fall at the Otto Ellis Coal mine, two miles north of Seelyville.

Men and women who toiled in various industries in Terre Haute and the adjacent communities joined in the most ambitious Labor Day celebration attempted in Terre Haute in years. A parade in the downtown district, said to be the largest of its kind ever seen here, had thousands of marchers representing every union in the city.

25 years ago this week...

A compromise settlement of federal tax liens, amounting to more than \$1.25 million against Mr. and Mrs. Leo Light, was accepted by the government. Although the exact figures were not disclosed, U.S. Treasury Department officials indicated that the settlement was substantial. The government's acceptance of the offer ended the litigation, which was considered the largest claim of its kind in Indiana, and one of the biggest individual tax cases in the country.

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Red Foley, a name as well known to country folks as Mail Pouch

Tobacco and Lookout Mountain, headlined entertainment at the 1960 Vigo County Fair.

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A father's attempt to rescue two of his sons from the bottom of a 30-foot deep well ended in triple tragedy.

The fatalities occurred at the Theodore Davis farm 2½ miles northeast of Burnett. Clarence Davis, 16, went to the bottom of the well to collect soil samples of dirt, and collapsed. His brother, Jerry, attempted to rescue him but also collapsed. Their father went down after both sons, and despite efforts of nearby volunteer firemen and rescue workers, all three Davis men died.

10 years ago this week...

Picket lines were formed at area coal mines as a wildcat strike forced a closing of four major mining operations: Amax Chinook and Minnehaha mines; Peabody Coal Co.'s Universal and Sycamore Mines; and all other Amax and Peabody mines. The strike affected most of Indiana's 5,000 mine workers.

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50 years ago this week...

A slashing of appropriation requests during the regular Terre Haute City Council meeting cut \$44,275.78 from the 1936 budget, cutting taxes by 8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

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The attempt to annex Frank Lane's Bar at Hulman Street and the C&EI Railroad and the Albert Gifford Bar, Voorhees Street and Lockport Road, was stopped at the city council meeting by a negative vote of 6-3.

25 years ago this week...

James Ray Baker of Cincinnati, and George Dewey Weaver and Joe Worthington of Harlan County, Ky., walked away from an outside barracks at the Federal Penitentiary, robbed a local couple and stole their automobile. Baker was captured by state police near the

fairgrounds the same day. FBI agents and state and local police in the two state area continued the search for the other two, who escaped in the stolen automobile.

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Convicted rapist/murderer Cozzie Merrill Jones of West Terre Haute walked away from the Summit Prison Farm in LaPorte County while serving a life sentence for rape and murder of Edith Idabelle Barton, 12, of West Terre Haute in 1941.

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Thomas Whitaker was returned to Terre Haute from the Indiana State prison to face a new trial for the shotgun slaying of his 9-year-old daughter, Regina. He had spent two years on death row.

10 years ago this week...

While outbreaks of encephalitis had been reported in surrounding counties, the Vigo County Health officials reported no confirmed cases of the mosquito-carried disease in Vigo County. Dr. Robert Shunaker, County Health Official, attributed the good fortune to excellent mosquito control here.

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50 years ago this week...

William McKinley, 36, of Clinton and Emmett Shipman, 53, of Sullivan were killed when they were crushed by a fall of slate at the Binkley No. 10 mine, southwest of Clinton, in Vigo County. ☆ ☆ ☆

Terre Haute Mayor Sam Beecher told city firefighters they could have their picnic, but gaming and contests of chance would not be tolerated. The firefighters had planned a large picnic, and invited firemen from Indiana cities. They had planned a bar and some games in which the firefighters would compete on their powers of judgment. All proceeds would go into a fund for a state convention in Terre Haute. The firefighters said if they could not have the games there might not be a picnic.

25 years ago this week...

There were 102 fewer pupils in Vigo County schools on opening day in 1960. The 1959 opening day enrollment was 11,630; it was 11,528 in 1960. But that figure did not include the kindergarten enrollment of between 1,000 and 1,100.

Plans for a new elementary school building in Terre Town and preliminary plans for a new physical education building and added facilities at Sarah Scott Junior High School were presented for consideration to the school board.

10 years ago this week...

Scott Weyles, 17, Route 24, was indicted by the Grand Jury for first-degree murder for the Aug. 28 slaying of Michael Dean Wilkey. The killing occurred during a burglary of the 500 station south of the Indiana 46 exit ramp at Indiana 70, where Wilkey was the attendant. ☆ ☆ ☆

Reacting to the recent increase in the number of reported assaults on city police officers, Chief James Swift said, "The guilty must be punished." Swift added that 78 persons had been arrested within the past 12 months on charges of resisting arrest and assault on a police officer. Five of those persons had been sentenced to jail. ☆ ☆ ☆

Because Republicans in West Terre Haute did not have a convention to nominate candidates for office, there came the news that there would be no November election in 1975 for West Terre Haute and the incumbent Democratic office holders would automatically serve another term of office by default.

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History (7/11) 50 years ago this week...

Albert Schultz, 39, was killed while attempting to fix an electric wire at the Columbian Enameling and Coating Plant.

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Mayor Sam Beecher fired Chief of Police Lewis A. Wheeler and replaced him with James A. Yates. Wheeler was added to the growing list of employees of the police department being replaced in the shake up of the department. Others on the firing list included City Controller Clem Richards; City Engineer William Norcross, who was later restored; Secretary of the Board of Public Works, Hedrian Gantz; and Ben VanBorsin of the park board. Wheeler was returned to detective grade.

25 years ago this week...

Thomas M. Hunter, Del Norte, Colo., was pronounced dead on arrival at Union Hospital after his car crashed through a highway construction barricade at U.S. 41 North and Stop 18½ Road.

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"Tall" Terry "That's My Boy" Dischinger who put Terre Haute back on the map of international sports history as a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic basketball team, was honored by his hometown with a parade down Wabash Avenue, drawing applause in every block of the parade route. The parade ended at City Hall where Mayor Ralph Tucker presented him with a key to the city.

10 years ago this week...

Prominent Terre Haute lawyer, Herbert R. Gerdink, was appointed to fill the second newly created County Court judgeship. The announcement of the appointment was made by Judge C. Joseph Anderson, who said the appointment was made with the concurrence of Superior Court judges Howard J. Bitzegaio and Charles McCrory.

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The Allen Chapel, Third and Crawford streets, was added to the National Register of Historic Places of the National Park Service making that building eligible for federal funds for restoration.

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A contract between the Terre Haute Board of Works and Safety and the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local Union 157 was signed making the union the bargaining unit of the employees of the Waste Water Treatment plant.

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50 years ago this week...

A lone gunman held up Motor Patrolmen Elmer Dowell and Joseph Streaker at 24th and Locust streets and took from them a prisoner the officers has just arrested for possession of a firearm.

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A committee of foundry employees at Terre Haute Malleable and Manufacturing Co. were meeting with company officials in an attempt to settle a strike.

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Officials of District 11, United Mine Workers of America, were jubilant — as were the rank and file of the organization throughout Indiana — when they received word that an agreement had been reached with the Appalachian Field. That brought the wage-dispute strike one step closer to being settled.

25 years ago this week...

Four juvenile boys were held in the Vigo County Jail for investigation by juvenile authorities, and four others were being sought by city detectives in connection with hog rustling at the county infirmary, car theft and burglary charges.

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Authorities began a search for two young men who were accused of robbing and raping a 36-year-old woman from Brazil. She told police that while she was waiting for her husband to pick her up at 12th and Craft streets, two youths grabbed her and forced her to the rear of a store on South 13th Street, where they raped her. They also stole about \$35 from her purse.

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Terry Dischinger Day was a huge success. The day ended with a banquet in the Mayflower Room of the Terre Haute House for the local hero of the 1960 Olympics. More than 500 friends, teachers, businessmen and city officials expressed their pride in Terry's achievements.

10 years ago this week...

Dresser generating station, established in 1924 and at one time the largest and most modern generating plant in the middle United States, was placed in cold storage on Sept. 27, and put on a stand-by basis in case of emergencies.

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Free bus service for senior citizens and handicapped persons came one step closer to reality when the Terre Haute bus company received \$85,000 in additional funds for its operational budget. The money was made available through federal funds.

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SEP 29 1985 50 years ago this week...

A fire at the J.C. McCrory and Co. Store, 647 Wabash Ave., did thousands of dollars in damage. The fire started at 6:56 a.m., and by 9 a.m. all but one piece of fire fighting equipment in Terre Haute and every firefighter in the area was at the scene.

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Plans for Terre Haute's proposed new \$237,000 City Hall, prepared by Miller and Yeager Architects, showed an attractive three-story building and about 100-by-116 feet of conservative modern architecture.

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One of the largest real estate transactions here in many months was the purchase by J.W. Weinhardt of the Biment Apartments on Walnut Street between Sixth and Seventh streets. There were 22 apartments located in five buildings. Weinhardt said he planned to renovate and modernize the buildings.

25 years ago this week...

Twenty-one-year-old Patricia Hanley, a green-eyed brunette with a quiet sophisticated air, captured the title of "Miss Torch" over six other finalists.

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Marvin M. Foulke and Lawrence R. Garner were chosen by the Supreme Council of the Scottish

Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at Boston to receive the 33rd degree in masonry, the highest that can be achieved.

10 years ago this week...

Six Vietnamese children, ranging in ages from 5-19, and their mother arrived in Terre Haute to find a furnished four-room house, clothing, a food supply and an authentic Vietnamese meal, arranged by the Terre Haute Knights of Columbus. The K of C sponsored the seven Vietnamese, who had lived in a Pennsylvania camp since leaving Vietnam.

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Commercial Solvents Corp. conducted an open house for its employees and the news media at the company's new building in the 1400 block of South Third Street.

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50 years ago this week...

A grand jury seated to investigate reports of attempted bribery of some city officials made this report to the court: "We failed to find any real basic evidence for such a statement. From our investigation, we believe it was an ill-considered effort to obtain publicity at the expense of appointed public servants who the public had confidence in at that time and was apparently made without regard to the reputation and feelings of the officials."

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Martial law in the Vigo County strike zone was upheld by a three-judge federal court. A petition for a temporary injunction against the enforcement of martial law by the socialists and labor defense league was denied by the court. Martial law was declared in Vigo County July 22 after the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Co. precipitated a general one day walk-out in Terre Haute.

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The most devastating fire in Terre Haute Paper Co.'s history started in a straw rick at the north

mill. Despite the effort of the Terre Haute Fire Department, the 12 straw ricks containing about 500 tons of baled straw were threatened with destruction early Wednesday morning.

The firefighters battled the blaze through the night using every piece of firefighting equipment, except the emergency equipment, and every fireman, on duty and off, except the emergency crew, finally putting the fire out late Thursday afternoon.

25 years ago this week...

Downtown retail stores began remaining open until 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, launching a new program of two late shopping nights each week. That brought Terre Haute into line with many other cities in Indiana. The city bus company also agreed to keep the buses running later on Friday night, the same as Monday, to accommodate shoppers.

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Miss Lynn Warren, Terre Haute, member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at Indiana State Teachers' College, was named Miss Flame, to reign over the 1960 Fire Prevention Week activities. She was chosen at the luncheon meeting of the Terre Haute Rotary Club in the Mayflower Room of the Terre

Haute House over seven other finalists.

10 years ago this week...

Consumers got a big break at the local grocery stores this past week, according to the Tribune Market Basket survey. It found the lowest prices on many items in more than a year. Seven of the 15 items in the Market Basket declined in price, including milk, eggs and laundry detergent.

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Mayor William J. Brighton said Terre Haute's economic picture was better than it had ever been. The city of Terre Haute now has invested and is drawing interest on \$6,850. That was more than the entire budget for 1976 and is the largest amount the city had ever had invested and drawing interest for the taxpayers. Brighton shared those views with the Terre Haute Jaycees in a re-election campaign speech.

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As a result of a merger between Commercial Solvents Corp. and International Minerals and Chemicals Corp., CSC is now officially a part of IMC chemical group, according to William S. Leonhead, IMC official. All CSC functions are now a part of IMC group.

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50 years ago this week...

Mayor Sam Beecher moved quietly to save himself from impeachment when he appointed a committee of citizens to advise the board of works in the building of the new city hall. Members of the council, who are said to have made up their minds that the mayor would not be allowed to handle the \$200,000 fund for the building of the city hall, were kept busy trying to think up some counter stroke against the mayor's coup.

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The last of the preliminary steps in providing Vigo County with a new poor farm building and with a dormitory for dependent colored children were taken. The county council unanimously voted to adopt two ordinances that made the necessary appropriations to meet the government funds for building and furnishing of the two buildings.

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An automobile driven at a high rate of speed crashed into a concrete culvert on Poplar Street, a short distance east of the Fruitridge Avenue intersection killing Robert Lee Danner, 27, 332 Gilbert Ave., and Albert Cooke, 20, 429 S. 15th St. One side of the culvert was torn off by the force of the impact and the automobile driven by Cooke was demolished.

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Mrs. Bridget O'Donnell, 67, 24 S. 13th St., was killed instantly at 13th Street and Wabash Avenue, when she was struck by a hit and run driver. Witnesses said that O'Donnell was crossing 13th Street on the south side of Wabash Avenue, with the green light, when a car, traveling at a high rate of speed, hit her.

25 years ago this week...

Seventeen youths were in jail as a result of a crackdown on teen-age burglaries. When the last four were captured at least eight more crimes were solved. Detective George Schoffstall, who was credited with clearing up more than a score of crimes by the arrests of gang members, said the last four arrested had admitted to eight burglaries in the last three months. These arrests followed an investigation of a burglary at Cornett's Variety Store, 1419 S. 25th St., where eight watches, two pairs of binoculars and five cartons of .22-calibre bullets were reported stolen.

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Mayor Ralph Tucker carried his battle to resist an already effective increase in water rates a step farther with the filing of an appeal brief before the appellate court. The brief was filed by City Attorney Frank Crawford, alleging three errors in the Indiana Public Service Commission's order granting the increase to the Terre Haute water works.

10 years ago this week...

The city-owned Fort Harrison Industrial Park sold property to Jadcore Inc., a local business. Through its move to the Industrial Park, the business anticipates an expansion, including the eventual hiring of 20-30 new employees. Jadcore is a plastics recycling business that opened in 1974.

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Terre Haute Police Chief James L. Swift responded to charges recently made against the police department by mayoral candidate Leland Larrison. Swift said, "It's a sad state of affairs when the men of the Terre Haute Police Department, men who dedicate their lives to protecting and defending the citizens of Terre Haute, become the victims of political mudslinging." Larrison accused the police of not cracking down on prostitution and other crimes.

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